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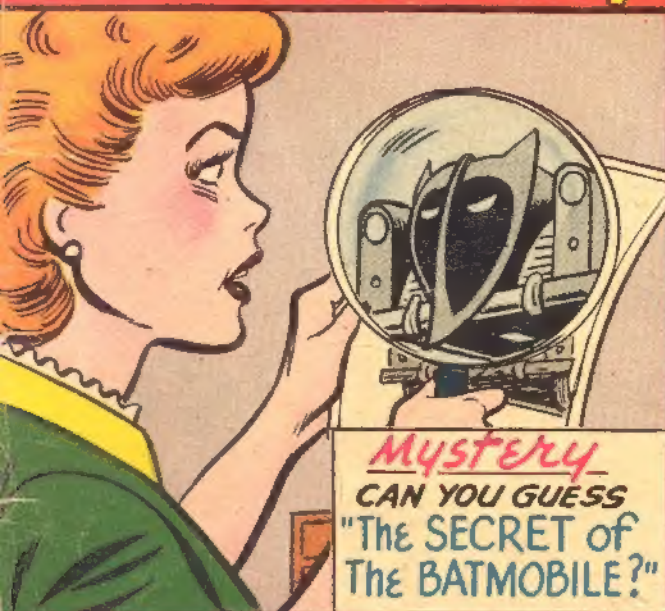
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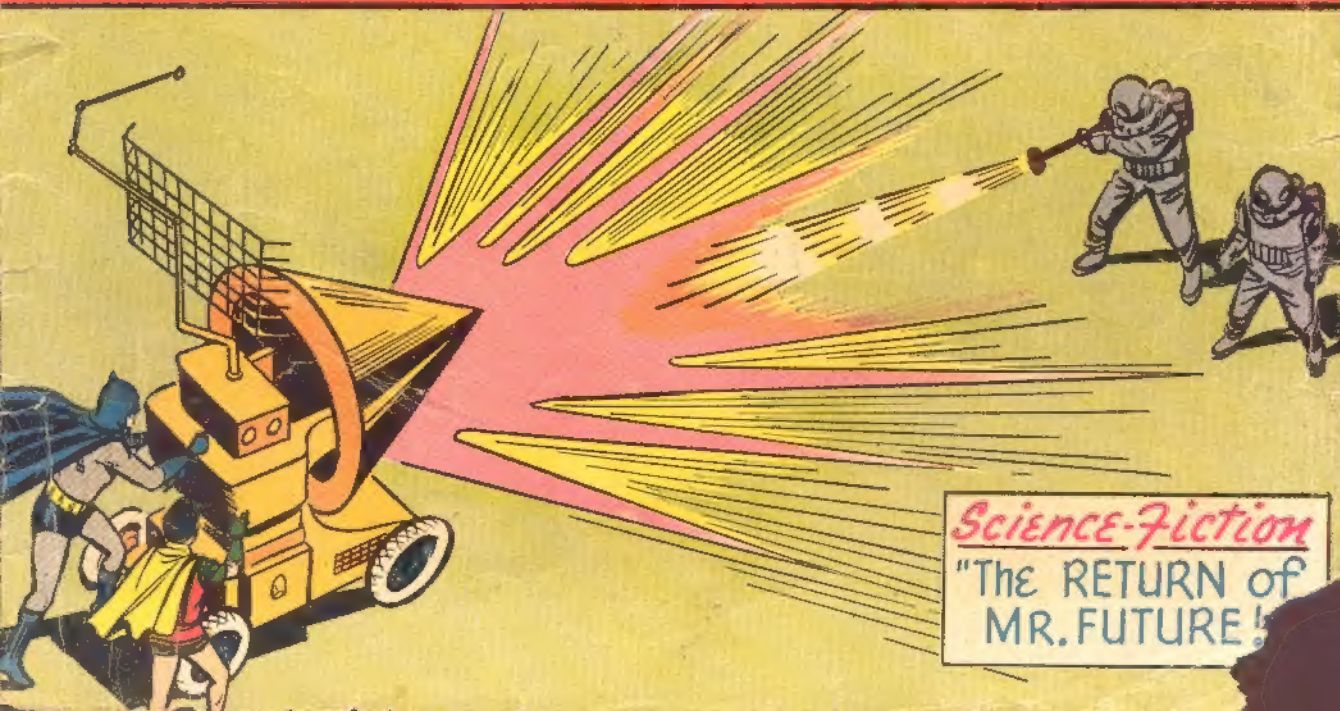
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before NOW I gained 1000% in HE-MAN LOOKS POPULARITY and STRENGTH

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This is one-time SKINNY

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Do as I Did-Mail The Coupon Below.

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HOW TO MOLD A MIGHTY BACK

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With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

OUT OF THE PAST, TO HELP **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** IN THEIR BATTLE AGAINST A TERRIBLE DANGER, COMES THE MAN WHO PREDICTED IT WOULD HAPPEN! AND FROM THAT MAN'S FAMED IMAGINATION COMES THE STRANGE INVENTION THAT CAN SAVE THE WORLD FROM A WOULD-BE DICTATOR! YES, ASTOUNDING BUT TRUE, THE ENTIRE COURSE OF HISTORY DEPENDS ON...

THE RETURN OF MR. FUTURE



WITH THEIR FRIEND, PROFESSOR NICHOLS, WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, GO TO **SUNNY ISLAND** FOR AN EXHIBIT HONORING THE GREAT AUTHOR-- **JULES VERNE...**

THIS EXHIBITION HAS WORKING MODELS OF SOME OF THE INVENTIONS VERNE PREDICTED IN HIS BOOKS, DICK!

WHAT AN IMAGINATION HE MUST'VE HAD, BRUCE!

WHY, WAY BACK IN 1850, HE WAS WRITING ABOUT A **ROCKET TO THE MOON!**

YES, WHEN VERNE WAS ALIVE, THERE WERE NO MOVIES, NO PLANES, NO RADIO, NO TV, NOT EVEN CARS... YET HE FORESAW THEM ALL... EVEN ATOMIC POWER!



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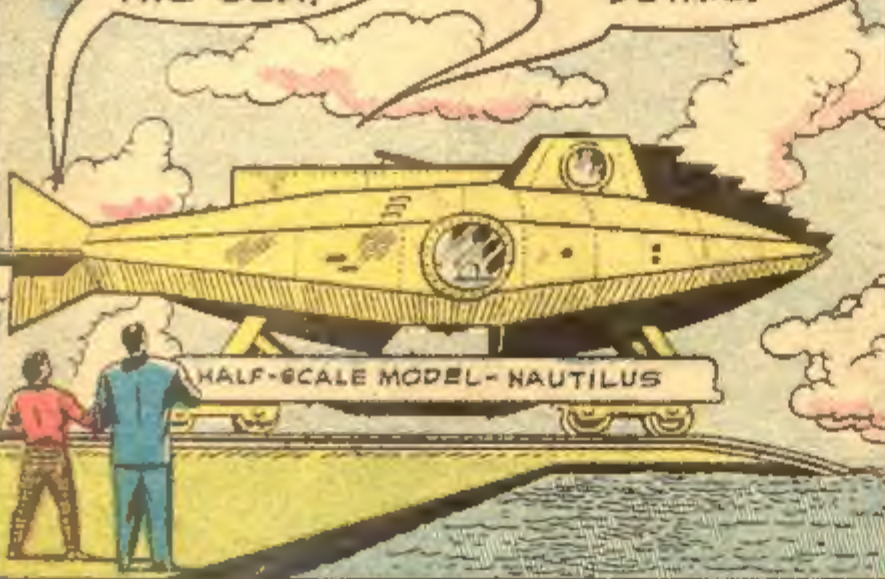
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HERE'S THE **NAUTILUS**--
THE SUBMARINE HE
PREDICTED IN HIS
BOOK, **20,000**
LEAGUES UNDER
THE SEA!

THIS MODEL
ACTUALLY WORKS,
DICK! THOUGH BUILT
TO HALF-SCALE, IT'S
EXACT IN EVERY
DETAIL!

IN ONE OF HIS LAST
BOOKS, **CLIPPER**
OF THE CLOUDS,
HE PREDICTED THIS--
A COMBINATION AUTO,
SUBMARINE AND
HELICOPTER!

HIS BRILLIANT
MIND WAS YEARS
AHEAD OF ITS
TIME!



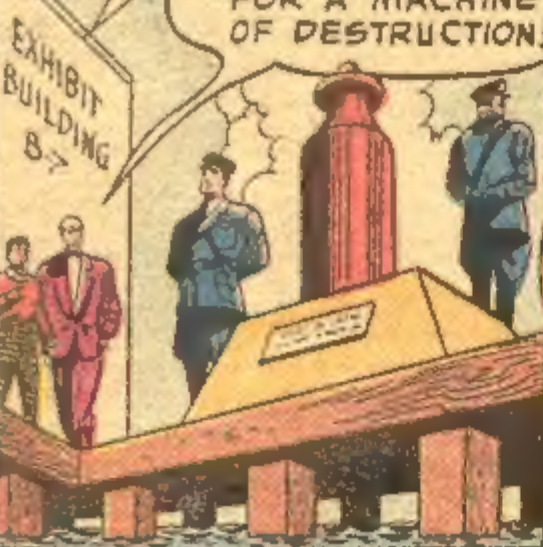
WHY IS THAT
CYLINDER
BEING GUARDED,
PROFESSOR?

BECAUSE IT
HOLDS VERNE'S
GREATEST
PREDICTION!
LOCKED WITHIN
IT IS A BLUEPRINT
FOR A MACHINE
OF DESTRUCTION!

VERNE ORDERED
THE BLUEPRINT
SEALED AWAY FOR
500 YEARS, BECAUSE
EVEN HE WAS AFRAID
OF ITS TERRIBLE
POWER!

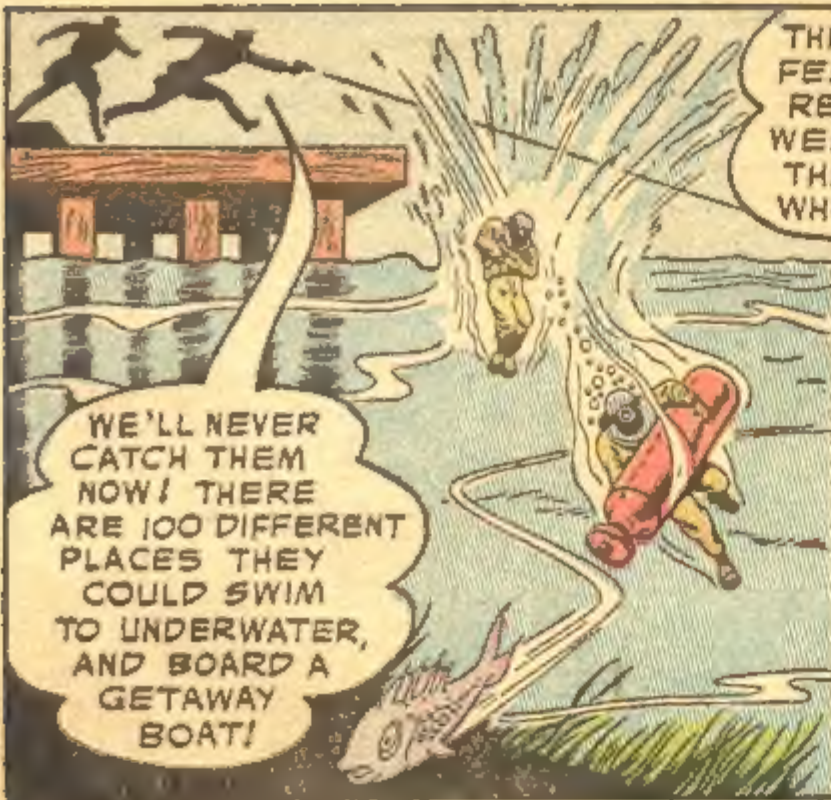
INTRIGUED BY THE MYSTERY CYLINDER,
THE TRIO DOES NOT NOTICE MENACING
FIGURES RISING FROM THE WATERS
BELOW...

VERNE REALIZED THAT
A CRIMINAL COULD RULE THE WORLD
IF HE HAD SUCH A WEAPON!



SUDDENLY... STAND RIGHT WHERE
YOU ARE! DON'T GIVE US ANY
TROUBLE AND THE PROFESSOR
WON'T GET HURT!





WE'LL NEVER CATCH THEM NOW! THERE ARE 100 DIFFERENT PLACES THEY COULD SWIM TO UNDERWATER, AND BOARD A GETAWAY BOAT!

THIS IS WHAT VERNE FEARED... ONCE THEY RECREATE HIS MYSTERY WEAPON, THEY MAY THREATEN OUR WHOLE FUTURE!

WE MIGHT PREPARE SOME DEFENSE AGAINST IT, IF WE KNEW JUST WHAT KIND OF WEAPON VERNE INVENTED!



RETURNING HOME, BRUCE AND DICK SWIFTLY CHANGE TO A PAIR OF COLORFUL COSTUMES...

THUS, INTO PROFESSOR NICHOLS' LABORATORY COME TWO SURPRISE VISITORS...

BATMAN AND ROBIN!
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

ER... OUR FRIEND BRUCE WAYNE TOLD US ABOUT THAT ROBBERY-- AND ABOUT YOUR POWER TO SEND PEOPLE INTO THE PAST! WE WANT YOU TO SEND US TO VERNE'S ERA-- SO WE CAN LEARN ABOUT THAT SECRET INVENTION!

VERY WELL-- SIT OVER THERE! I'LL SEND YOU BACK, BUT REMEMBER THIS... IN EXACTLY THREE HOURS, YOU'LL BE RETURNED TO THIS ROOM!

THAT SHOULD BE ALL THE TIME WE NEED!

THE ONE SURE WAY TO FIND OUT WHAT INVENTION BLUEPRINT IS IN THAT CYLINDER-- IS TO ASK THE INVENTOR HIMSELF!



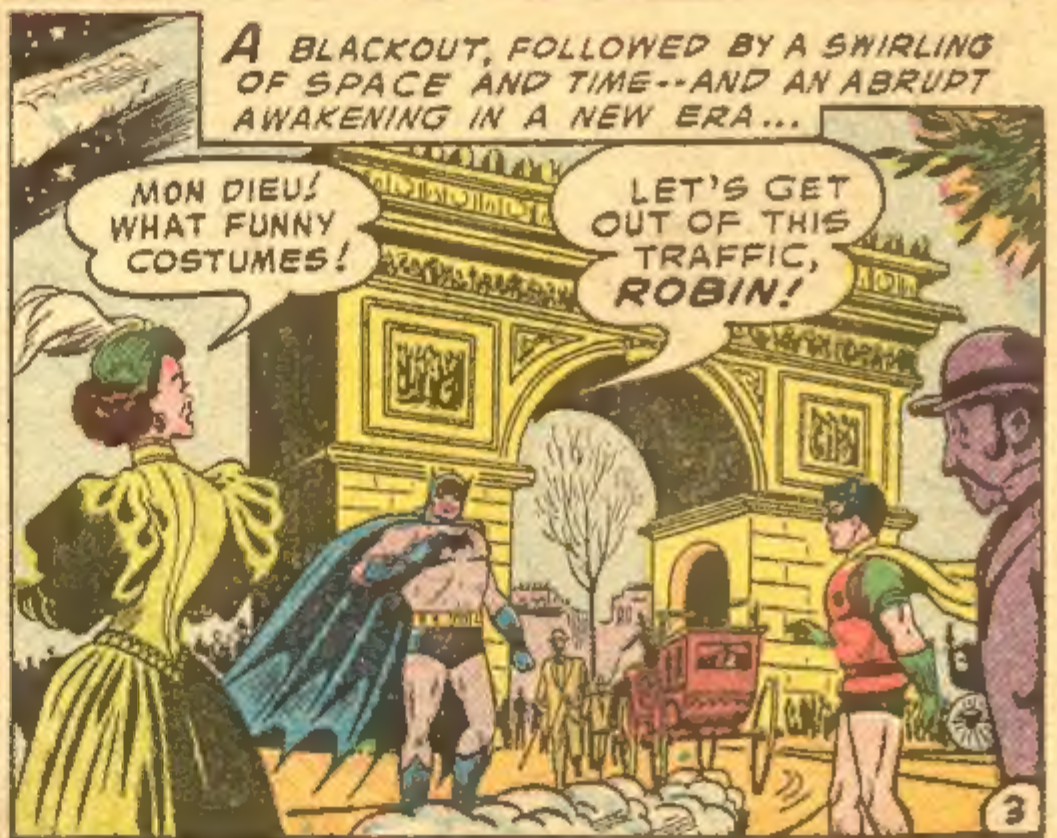
GOOD... CLOSE YOUR EYES AND CONCENTRATE! YOU'RE GOING BACK... BACK TO PARIS IN THE YEAR 1900!



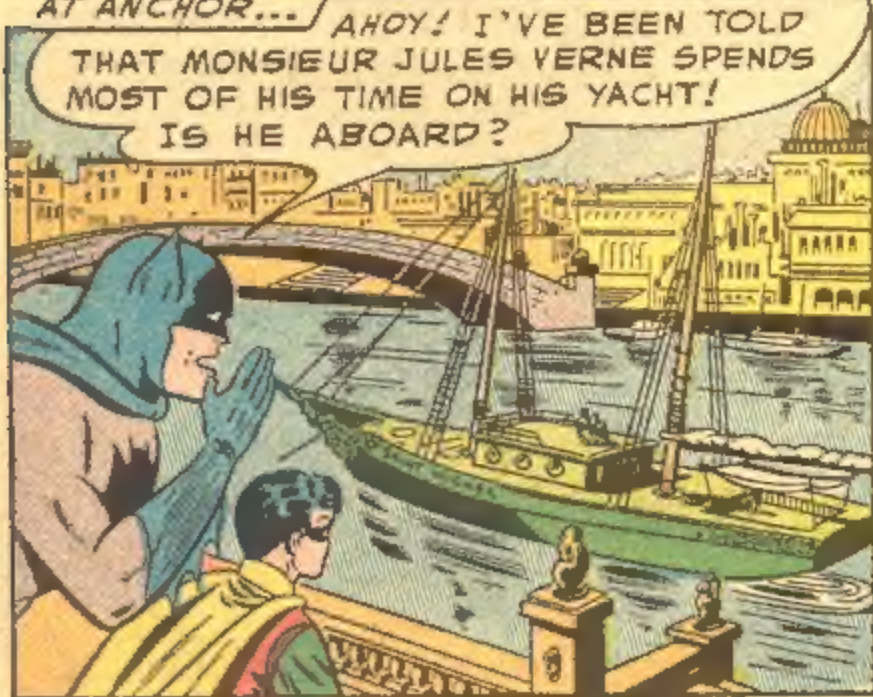
A BLACKOUT, FOLLOWED BY A SWIRLING OF SPACE AND TIME-- AND AN ABRUPT AWAKENING IN A NEW ERA...

MON DIEU! WHAT FUNNY COSTUMES!

LET'S GET OUT OF THIS TRAFFIC, ROBIN!



URGENTLY, THEY HURRY TO THE FAMOUS RIVER SEINE, WHERE A CRAFT LIES AT ANCHOR...



AHOY! I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT MONSIEUR JULES VERNE SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME ON HIS YACHT! IS HE ABOARD?

HE IS, INDEED! I AM JULES VERNE!



HURRIEDLY, BATMAN AND ROBIN EXPLAIN THEIR MISSION-- BUT THE GREAT AUTHOR IS SKEPTICAL...

EH BIEN... I AM WRITING A NEW BOOK-- **CLIPPER OF THE CLOUDS**-- AND AM JUST ABOUT TO PREDICT A NEW INVENTION! IF YOU ARE MEN FROM TOMORROW, SURELY YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT THAT INVENTION IS!

A TEST? VERY WELL...



YOU'RE PREDICTING A MACHINE THAT FLIES AND RIDES UNDER-WATER!

SACRE BLEU! YOU TRULY ARE FROM THE FUTURE!



CONVINCED, VERNE REVEALS THE SECRET OF THE STOLEN CYLINDER...

MY CURSED INVENTION IS A **SIREN-GUN**, WHICH EMITS SOUNDS OF SUCH HIGH FREQUENCIES THAT THE VIBRATIONS SHATTER ANYTHING IN THEIR PATH!

AN **ULTRA-SONIC WEAPON**? THEN WE'RE FINISHED... WE HAVE NO COUNTER-WEAPON FOR THAT!



WAIT! ONLY YESTERDAY I THOUGHT OF ONE-- BUT I HAVE NOT PERFECTED IT YET! I WILL DIAGRAM IT FOR YOU!

BATMAN, THERE'S NO TIME LEFT! IN EXACTLY TWO MINUTES, THE TIME MACHINE WILL SWEEP US BACK TO 1956!

MONSIEUR VERNE, YOU MUST COME WITH US TO THE FUTURE-- SO WE CAN BUILD YOUR COUNTER-WEAPON! WILL YOU DO IT?

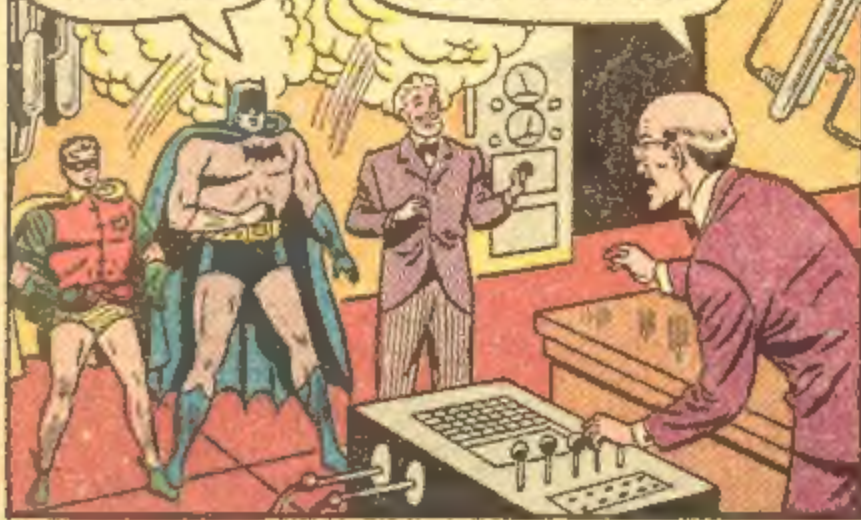
THE FUTURE? WITH MY OWN EYES, I WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE WORLD OF TOMORROW THAT I HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT? OF COURSE I WILL COME!



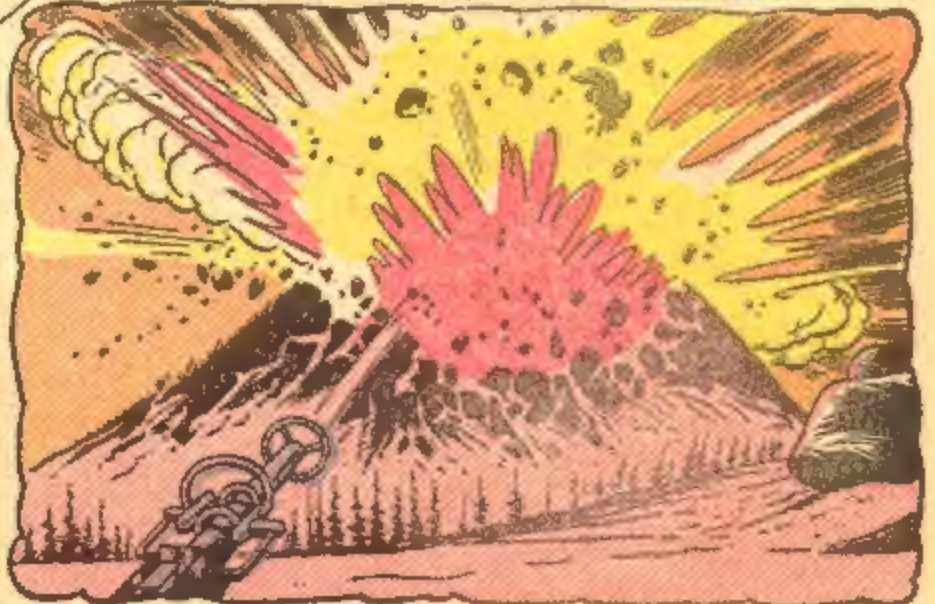
AND SO IT IS THAT JULES VERNE JOURNEYS INTO THE ATOMIC AGE...

PROFESSOR, MONSIEUR VERNE HAS COME TO HELP US!

WE ARE HONORED, SIR... AND YOU'VE COME NONE TOO SOON! THE BANDIT CHIEF, A MAN NAMED SIMAK, HAS SUCCEEDED IN BUILDING YOUR WEAPON!



"HE DEMONSTRATED ITS POWER BY BLASTING THE PEAK FROM MOUNT BLARE... AND NOW HE THREATENS TO BLAST GOTHAM CITY, UNLESS HE'S PAID \$10,000,000 AT ONCE!"



QUICKLY, MONSIEUR VERNE-- WHAT IS YOUR COUNTER-WEAPON?

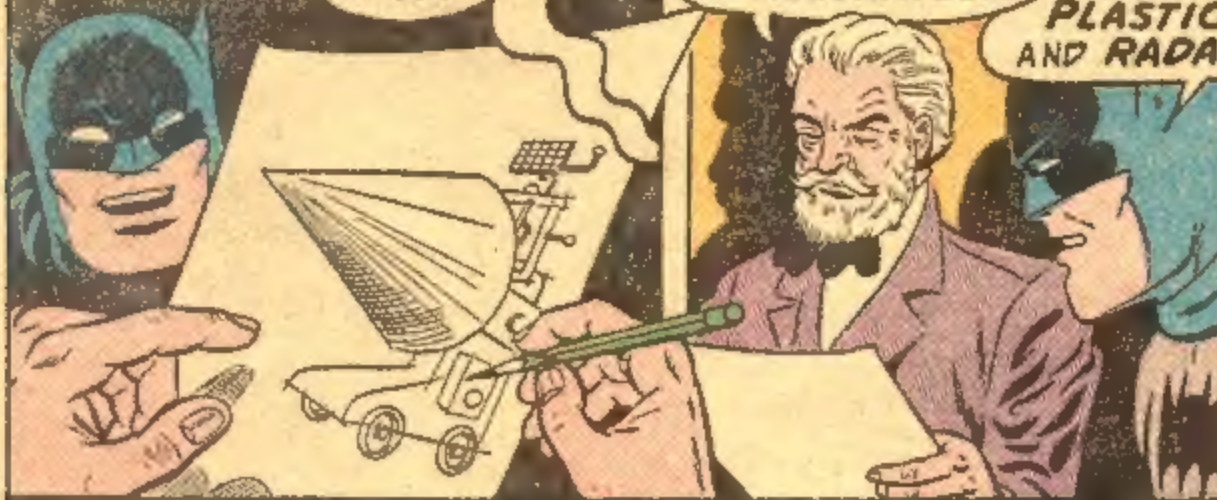
I CALL IT A **REFLECTO-BEAM!** IT CONSISTS OF AN ELECTRICAL DEVICE THAT AIMS THIS CONE AT EACH ATTACKING SOUND RAY AND REFLECTS IT!

BUT ALAS...THERE IS NO SUBSTANCE THAT REFLECTS SOUND SO PERFECTLY-- NO ELECTRICAL DEVICE TO AIM THE CONE SO ACCURATELY!

BUT THERE IS! IN OUR WORLD, WE CALL THEM **PLASTIC AND RADAR!**

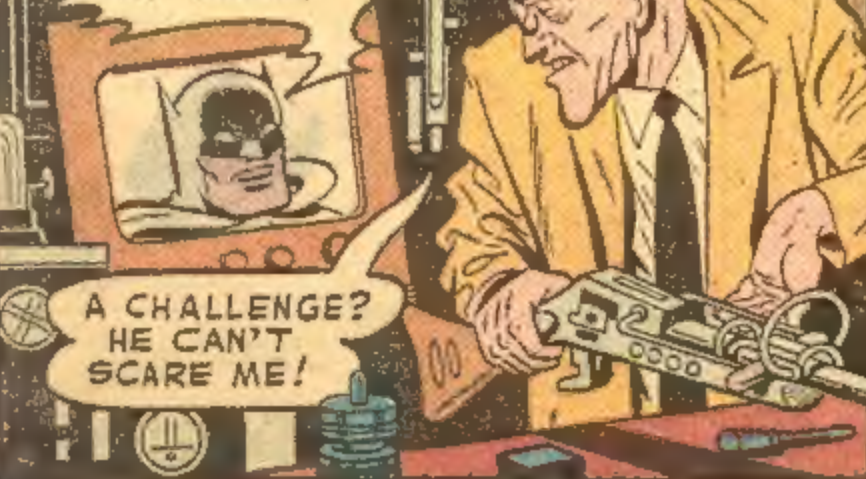
WHAT ABOUT SIMAK'S THREAT...? HIS WEAPON IS ALREADY BUILT!

WE'VE GOT TO STALL SIMAK SOMEHOW-- TO GIVE US ENOUGH TIME TO CONSTRUCT THE **REFLECTO-BEAM!** I HAVE AN IDEA!...



SOON AFTER, A FAMILIAR FACE APPEARS ON THE TV SCREEN IN SIMAK'S SECRET LABORATORY...

SIMAK, I CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL...YOUR SECRET WEAPON AGAINST MY SECRET WEAPON-- TOMORROW ON **SUNNY ISLAND, AT DAWN!**



A CHALLENGE? HE CAN'T SCARE ME!

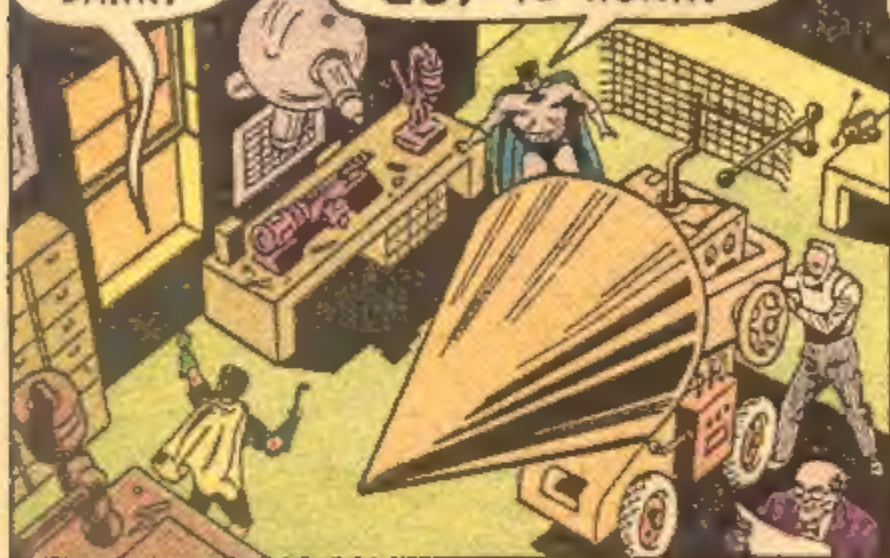
CALL THE STATION! TELL **BATMAN** I ACCEPT HIS CHALLENGE... AND TELL HIM TOMORROW WILL BE HIS LAST DAY ON EARTH!



SO THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, FOUR MEN WORK FEVERISHLY ON A WEAPON THAT WILL SAVE MANKIND FROM DESTRUCTION...

LOOK! THE SUN... IT'S DAWN!

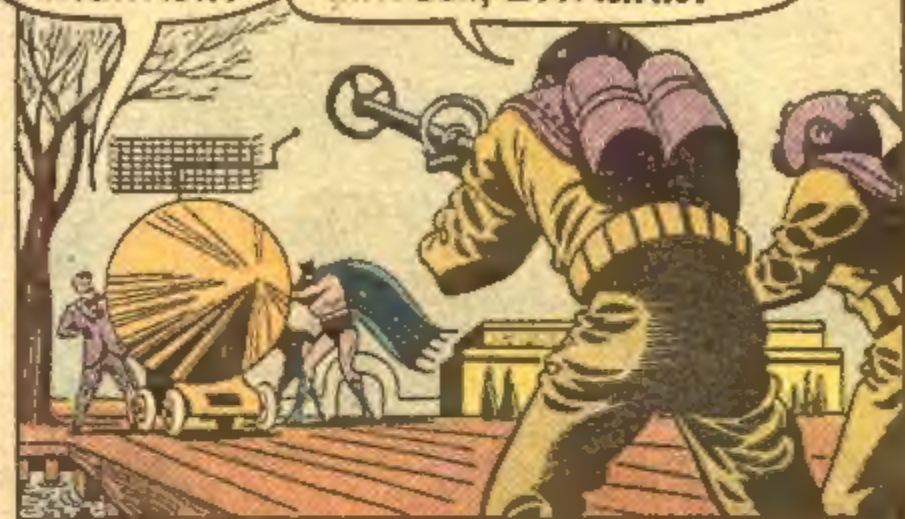
AND THE MACHINE IS COMPLETED! LET'S HOPE IT WORKS... IT'S GOT TO WORK!



SOON AFTER, AT SUNNY ISLAND, THE DUELISTS AND THEIR BIZARRE WEAPONS CONFRONT ONE ANOTHER...

MON DIEU! THERE IT IS... MY TERRIBLE INVENTION!

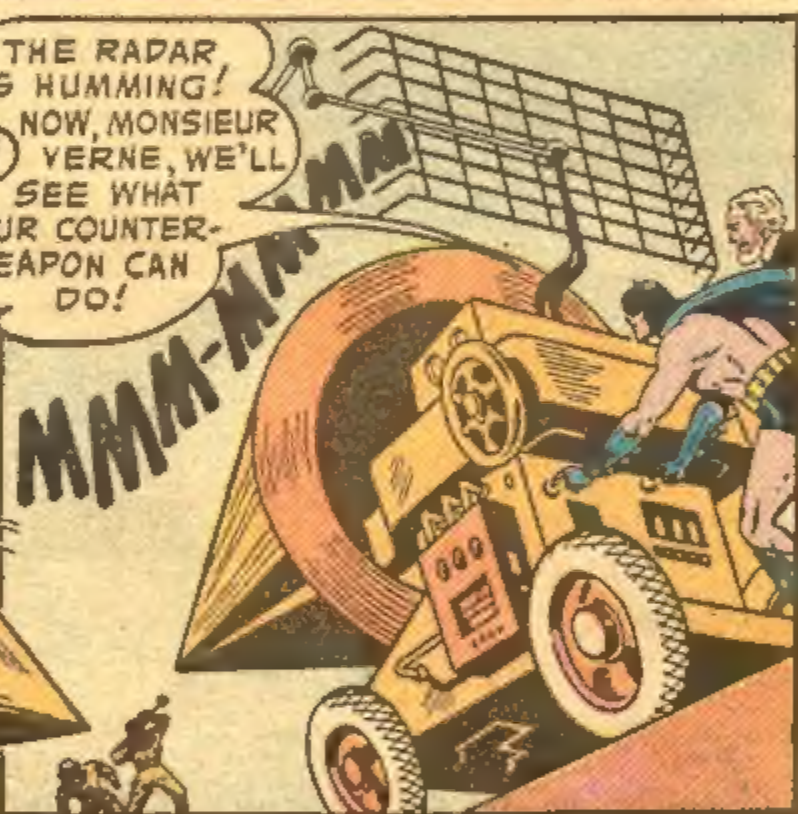
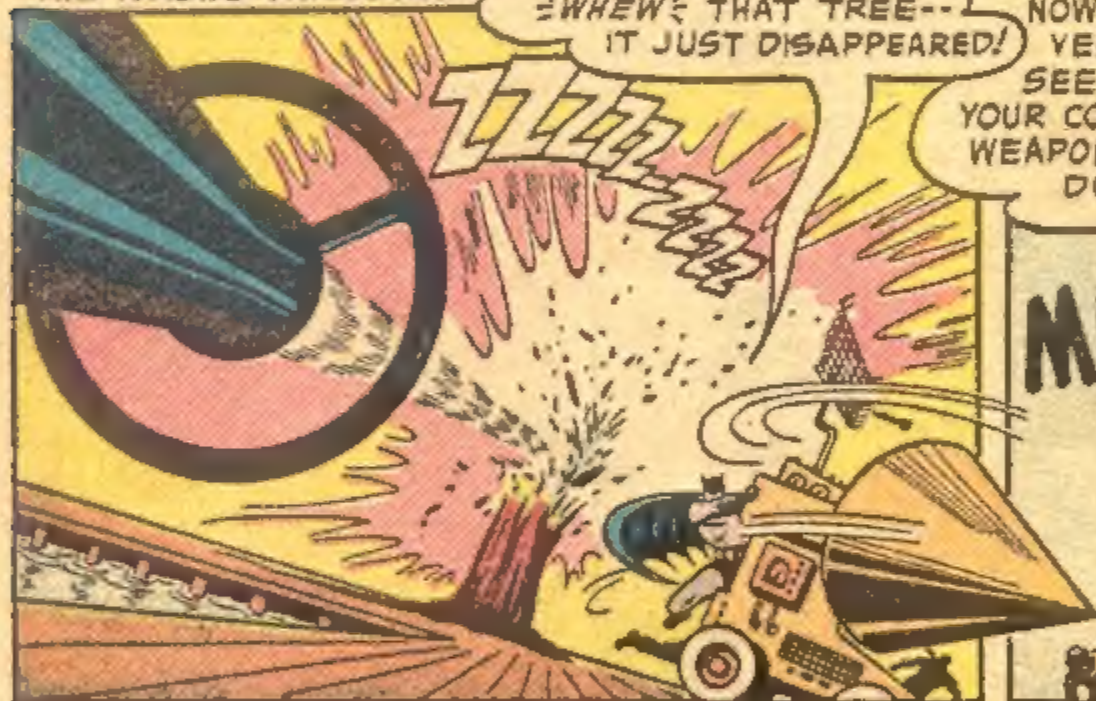
THAT CRAZY-LOOKING GADGET OF YOURS WON'T STOP THE SONIC-GUN! YOU'RE THROUGH, BATMAN!



BUT BATMAN MANEUVERS SWIFTLY--AND THE SONIC-GUN'S FIRST VIBRATIONS SHATTER THE WRONG TARGET...

WHEW! THAT TREE-- IT JUST DISAPPEARED!

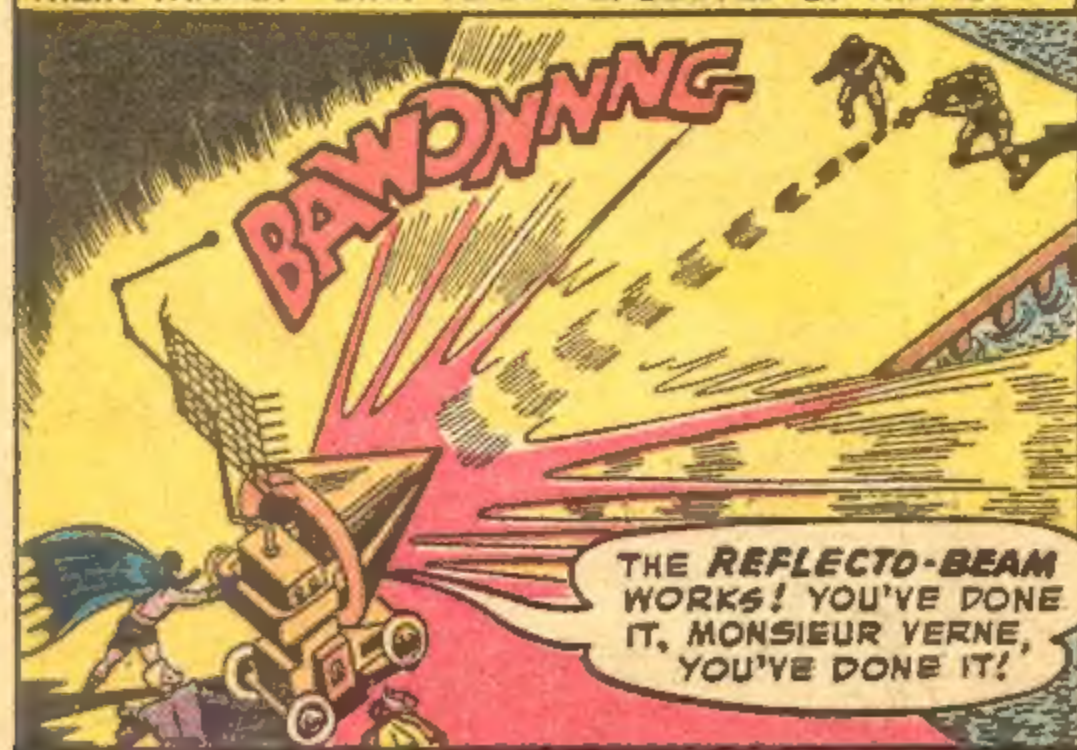
THE RADAR IS HUMMING! NOW, MONSIEUR VERNE, WE'LL SEE WHAT YOUR COUNTER-WEAPON CAN DO!



THIS TIME THE SONIC-GUN'S VIBRATION RAYS REACH THEIR TARGET--ONLY TO BE DEFLECTED BY THE CONE!

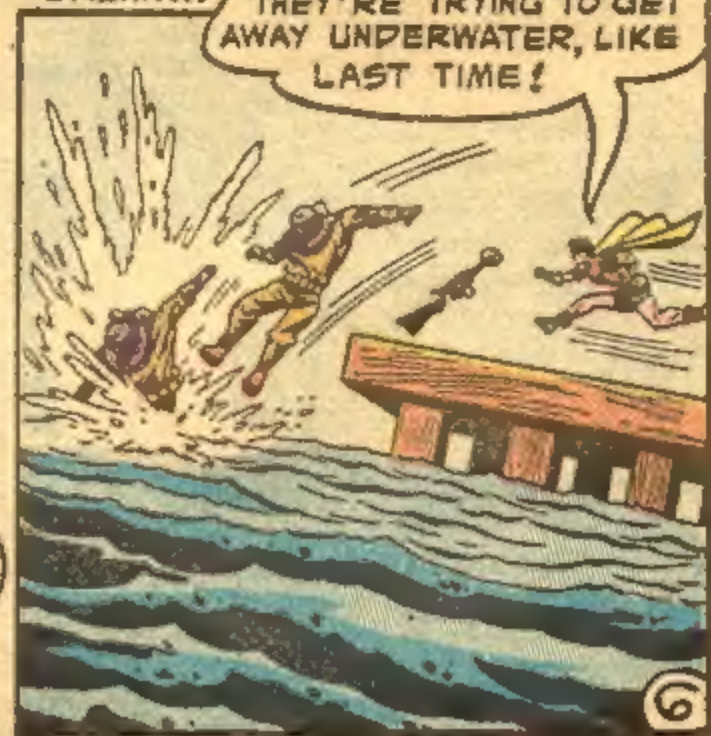
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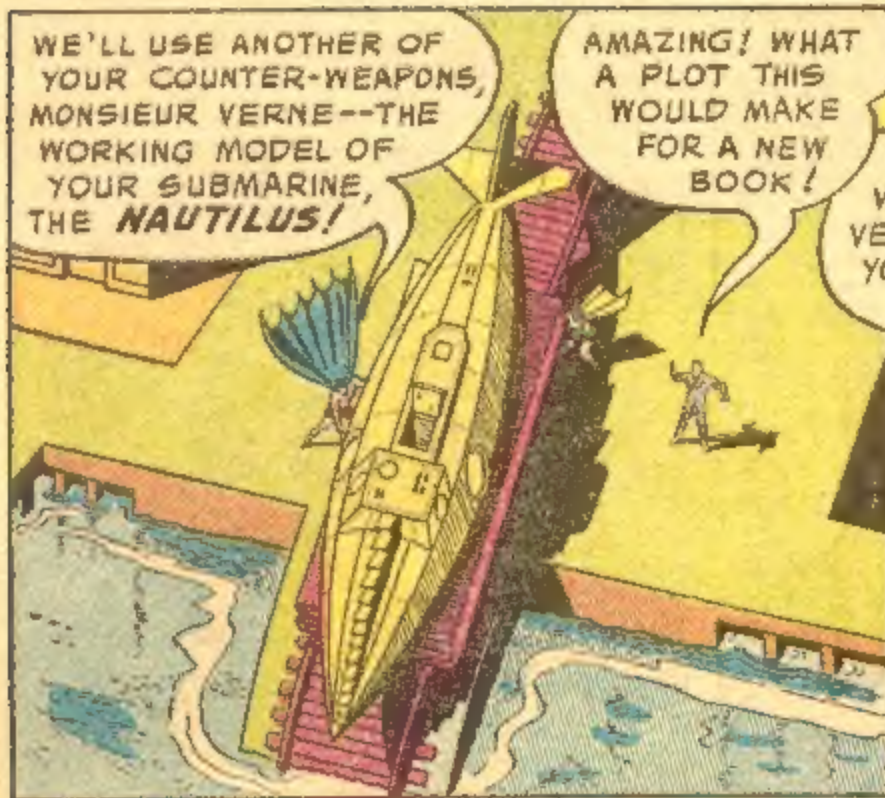
THE REFLECTO-BEAM WORKS! YOU'VE DONE IT, MONSIEUR VERNE, YOU'VE DONE IT!



REALIZING THEY'VE MET THEIR MATCH, THE CRIMINALS MAKE A BREAK...

THEY'RE TRYING TO GET AWAY UNDERWATER, LIKE LAST TIME!





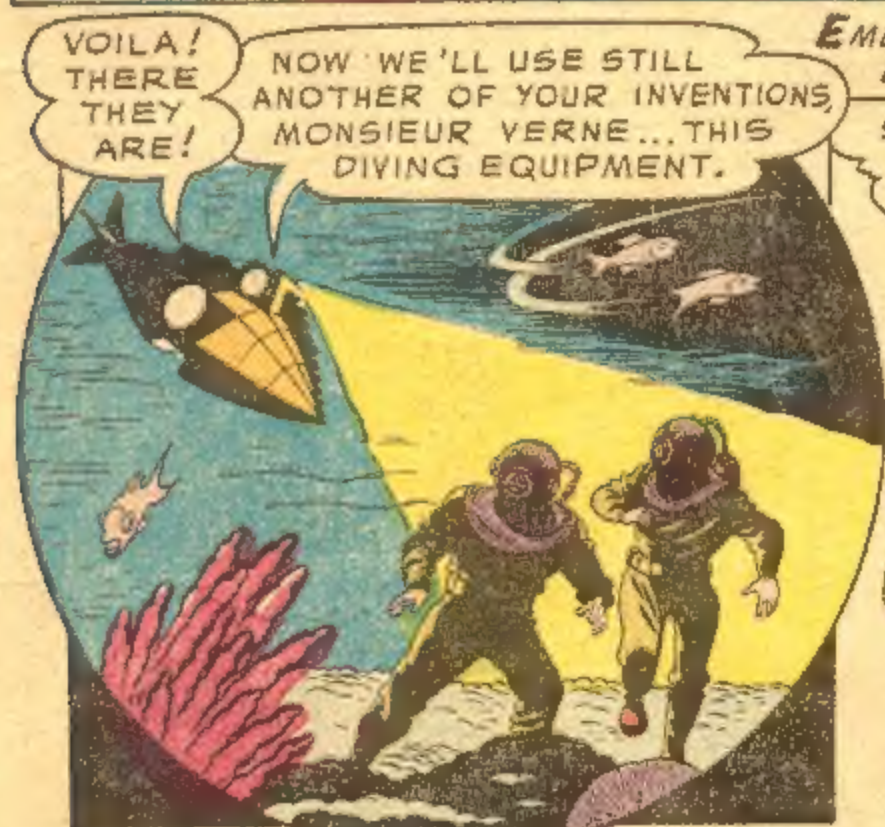
WE'LL USE ANOTHER OF YOUR COUNTER-WEAPONS, MONSIEUR VERNE--THE WORKING MODEL OF YOUR SUBMARINE, THE **NAUTILUS**!

AMAZING! WHAT A PLOT THIS WOULD MAKE FOR A NEW BOOK!

WITHIN MINUTES, VERNE'S BRAIN-CHILD DARTS SWIFTLY BELOW THE SURFACE OF **GOTHAM CITY BAY**...

YOU STAY AT THE WHEEL, MONSIEUR VERNE! YOU KNOW YOUR SUB BETTER THAN WE DO!

GOOD! I WILL SWITCH ON THE SEARCHLIGHT SO WE CAN HUNT DOWN THOSE EVIL MEN!

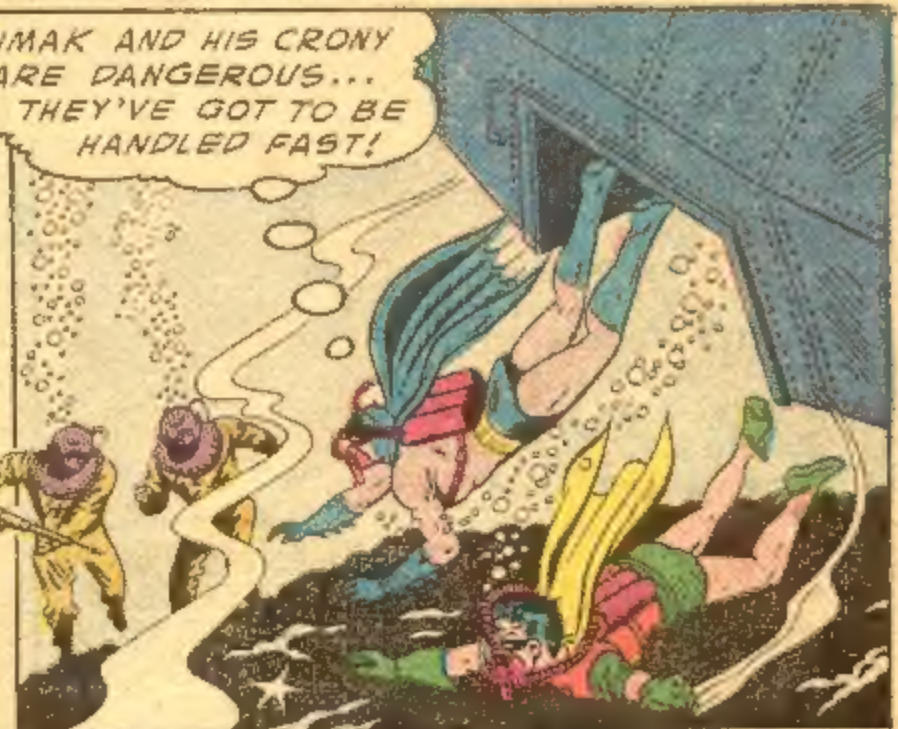


VOILA! THERE THEY ARE!

NOW WE'LL USE STILL ANOTHER OF YOUR INVENTIONS, MONSIEUR VERNE... THIS DIVING EQUIPMENT.

EMERGING FROM THE HATCH, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** CLOSE IN ON THEIR UNDERSEA QUARRY..

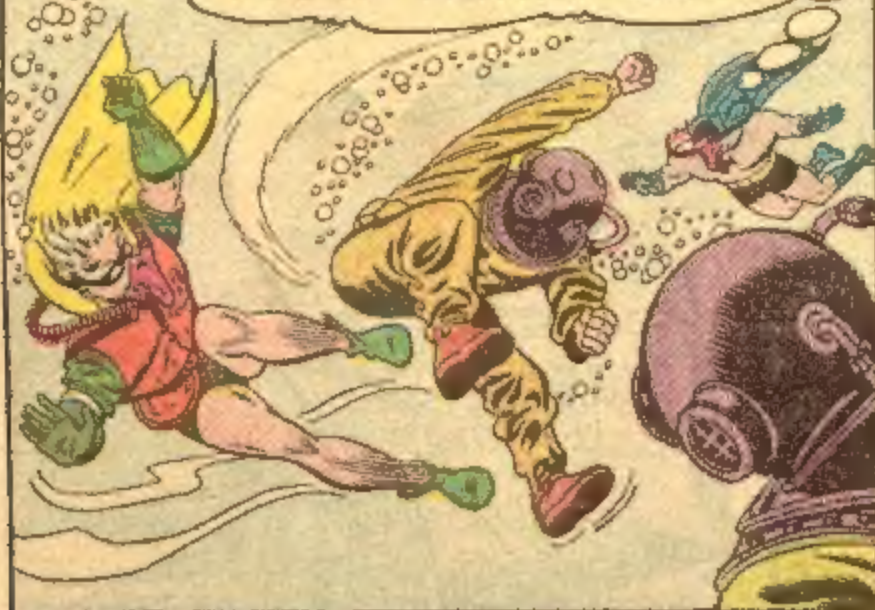
SIMAK AND HIS CRONY ARE DANGEROUS... THEY'VE GOT TO BE HANDLED FAST!



WITH A TWIST OF HIS AGILE BODY, **ROBIN** AVOIDS A DESPERATE BLOW...

NOW'S MY

CHANCE TO KNOCK THEM OUT WITH THE SAME WEAPON THEY TRIED BEFORE--
SOUND VIBRATIONS!



BONNG BONNG

IT'S ALMOST LIKE GETTING YOUR HEAD CAUGHT IN A TOWER BELL!

AWHILE LATER, POLICE ON SHORE WITNESS AN ASTONISHING SIGHT...



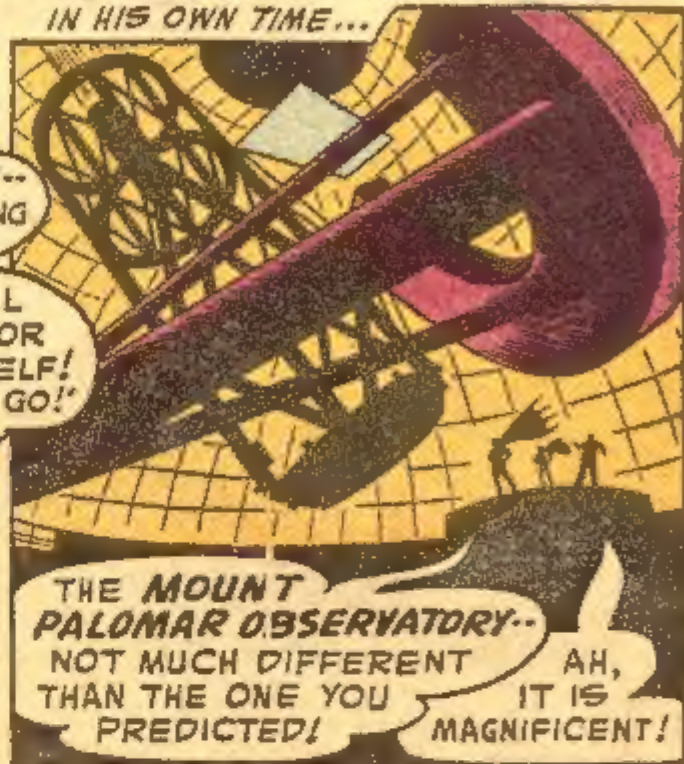
BUT WITH THE BANDITS TURNED OVER TO THE LAW, JULES VERNE IS RELUCTANT TO RETURN TO HIS OWN ERA...

I CANNOT LEAVE YET-- NOT WITHOUT KNOWING HOW MANY OF MY PREDICTIONS HAVE COME TRUE!

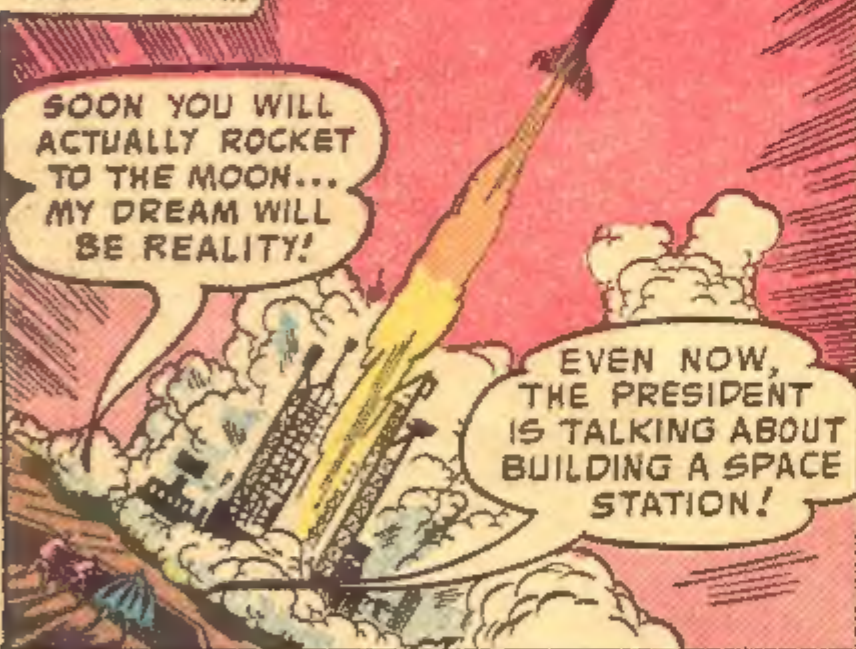
YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELF! LET'S GO!



AND SO, ONE AFTER ANOTHER, JULES VERNE SEES THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MODERN DAY THAT HE FORECAST IN HIS OWN TIME...



AT WHITE SANDS, HE VIEWS THE NEW EXPERIMENTAL ROCKET IN TEST FLIGHT...



FINALLY...



AND LATER COMES THE MOMENT FOR PARTING...

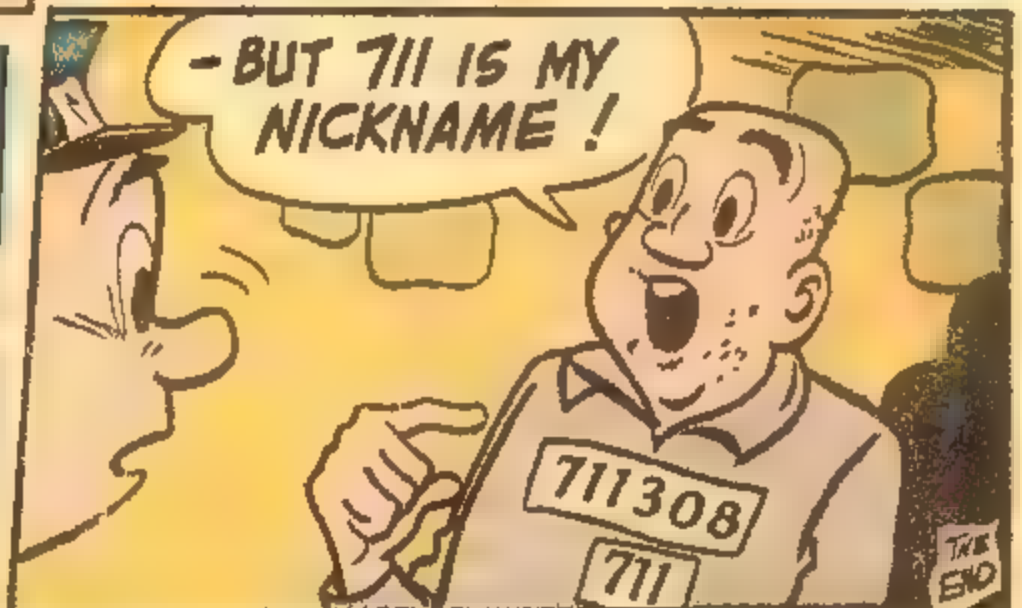
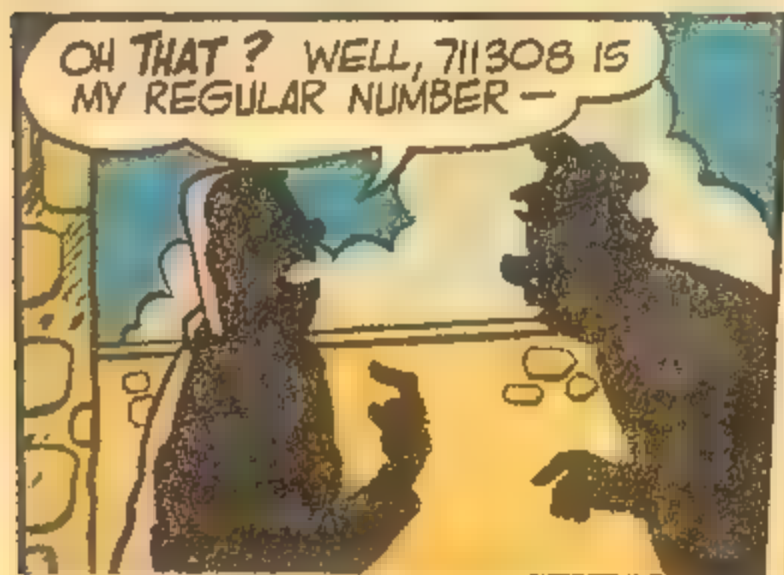
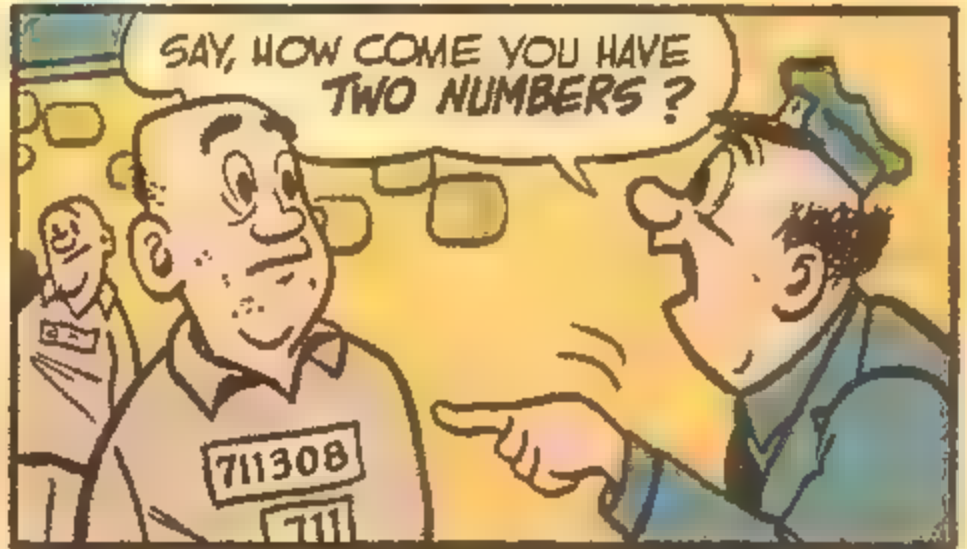
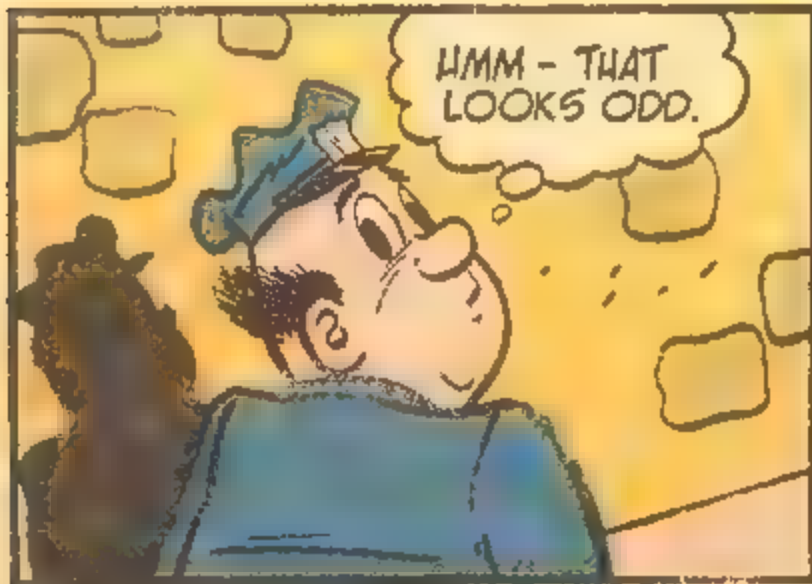
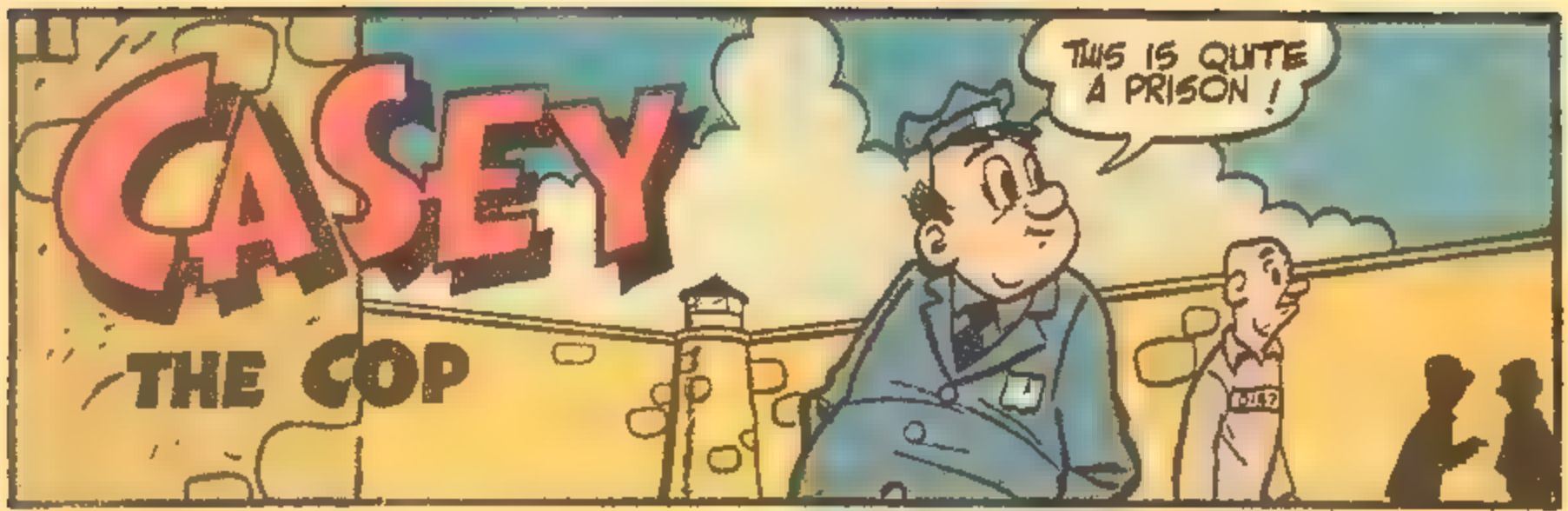


AU REVOIR, MONSIEUR VERNE!

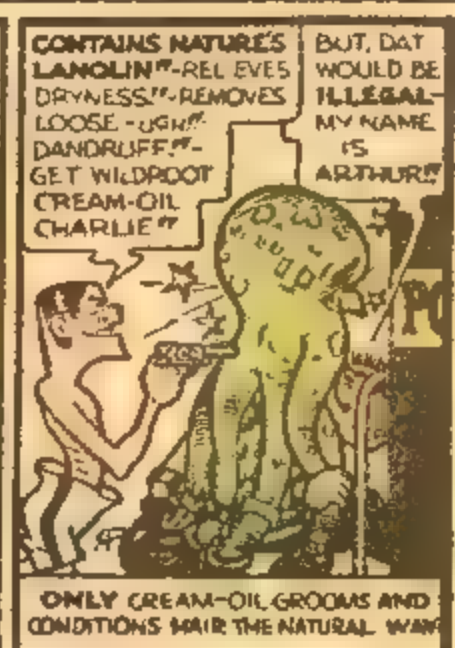
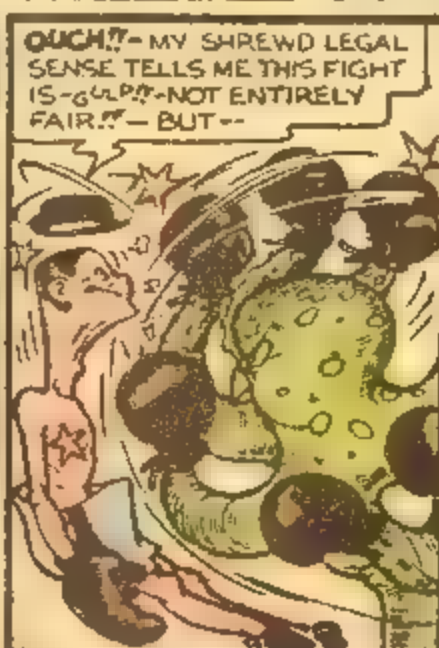
WHENEVER MEN'S MINDS SOAR INTO THE FUTURE, THEY WILL BE INSPIRED BY THE MEMORY OF YOU--THE MAN WHO FORESAW **TOMORROW!**



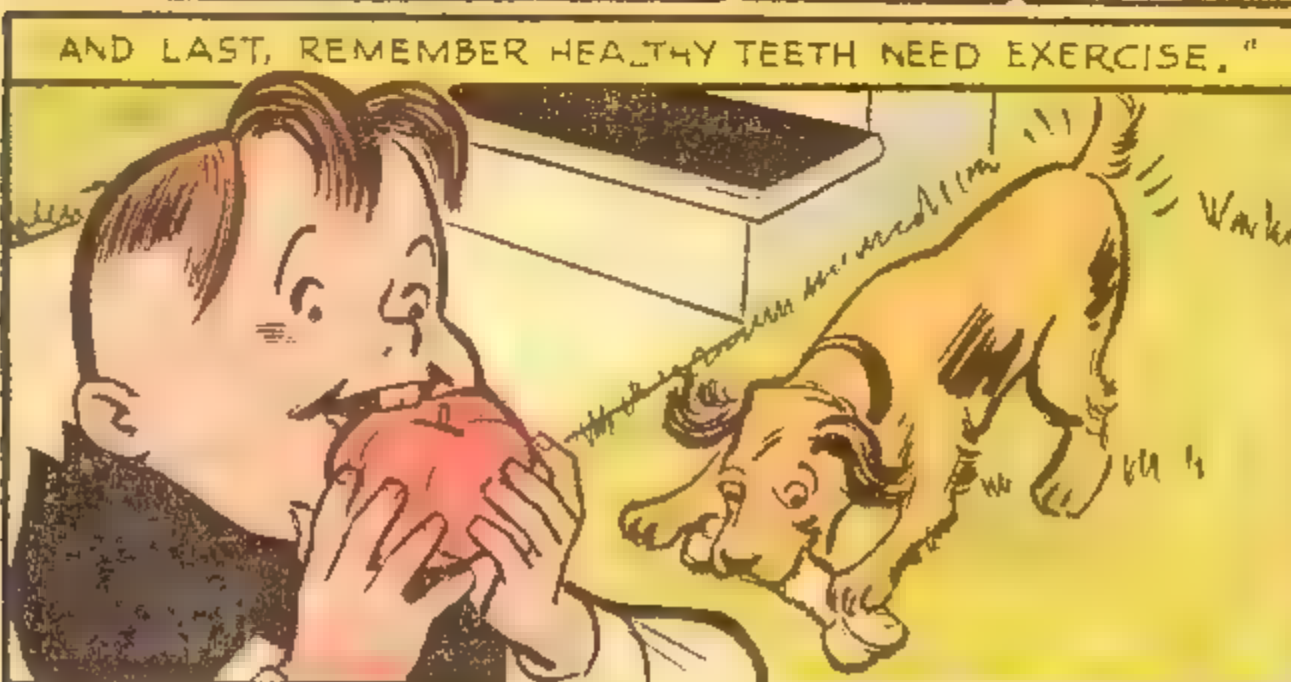
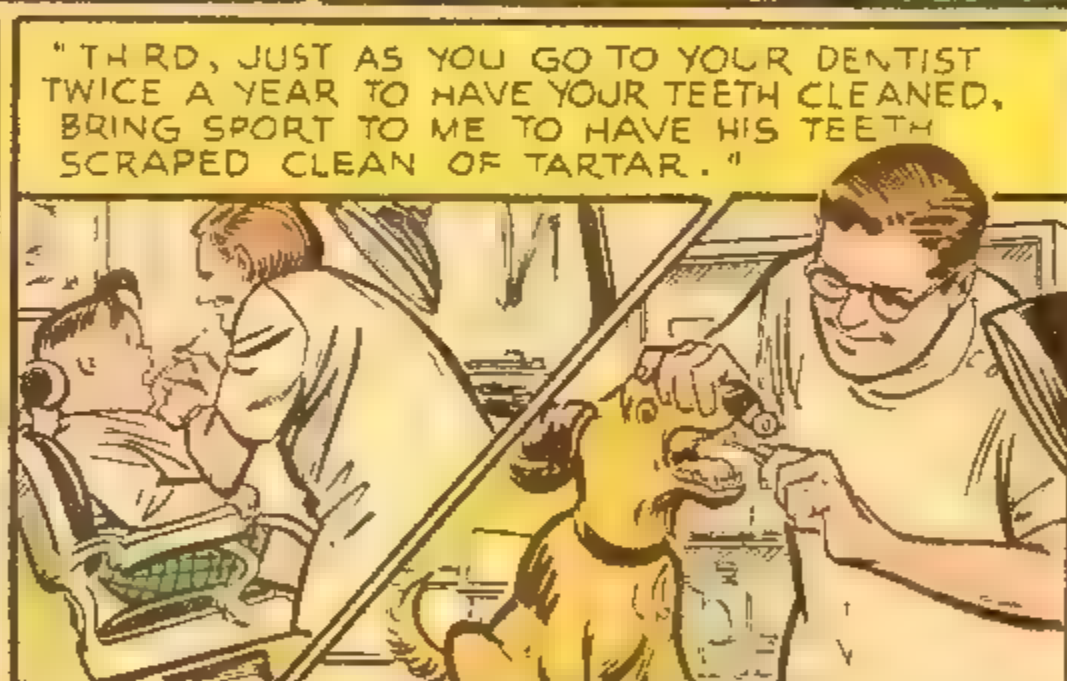
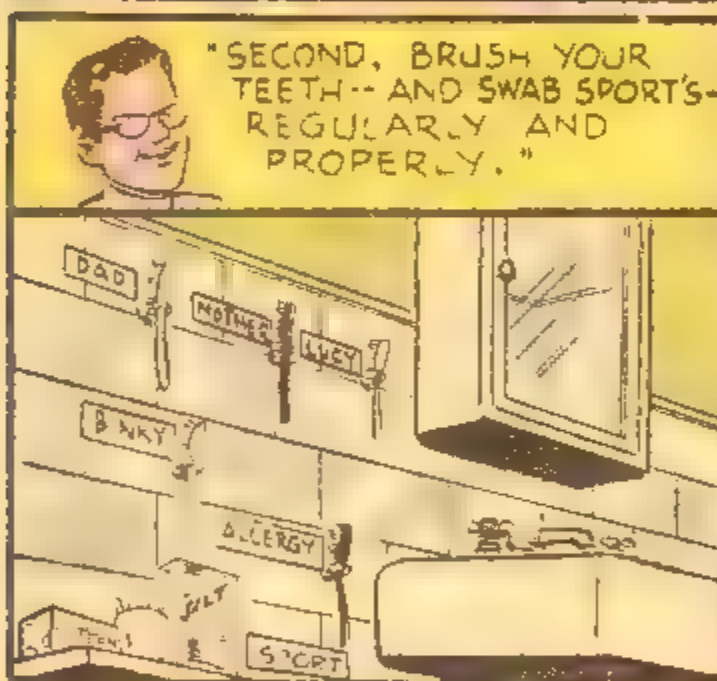
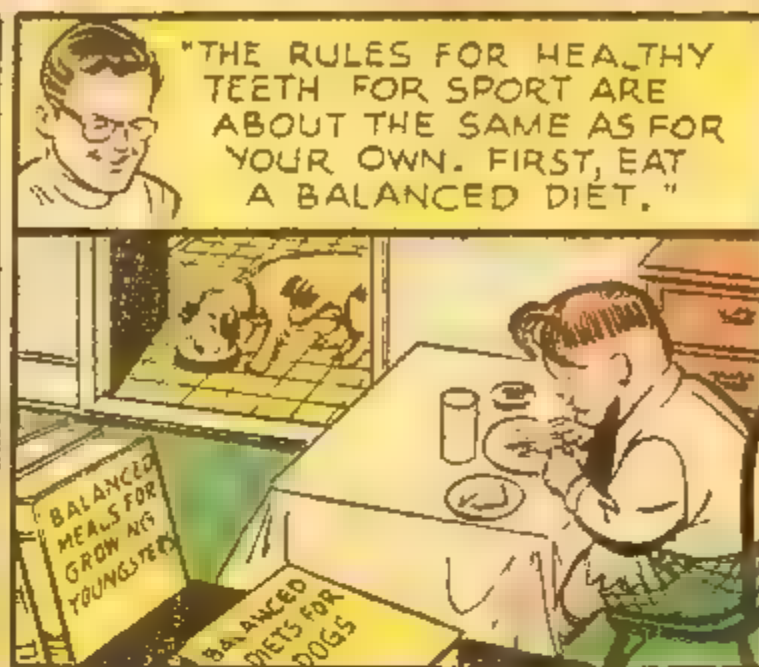
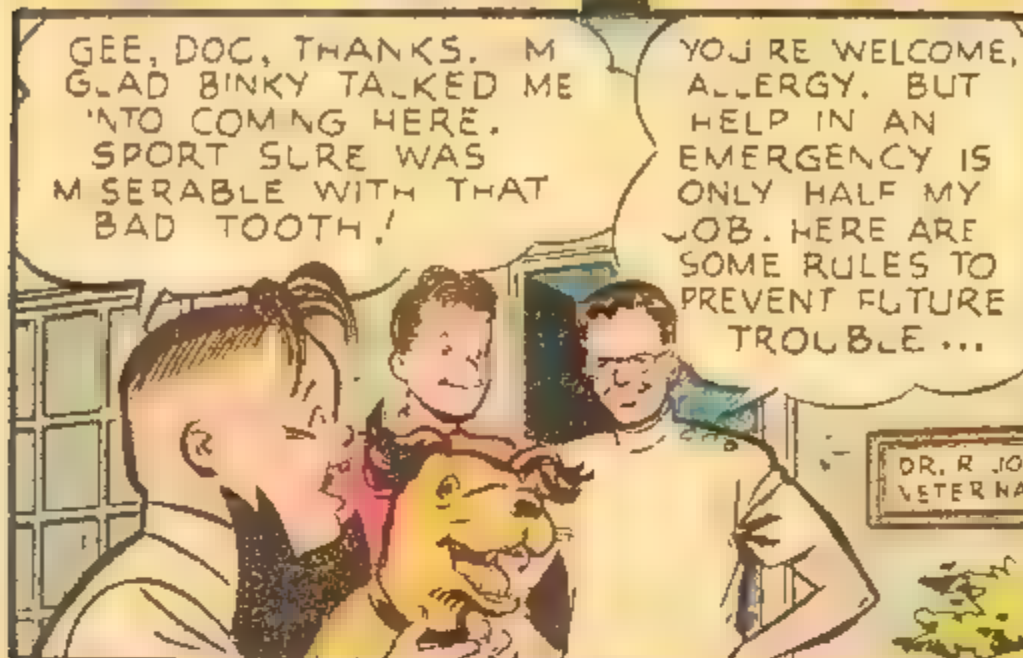
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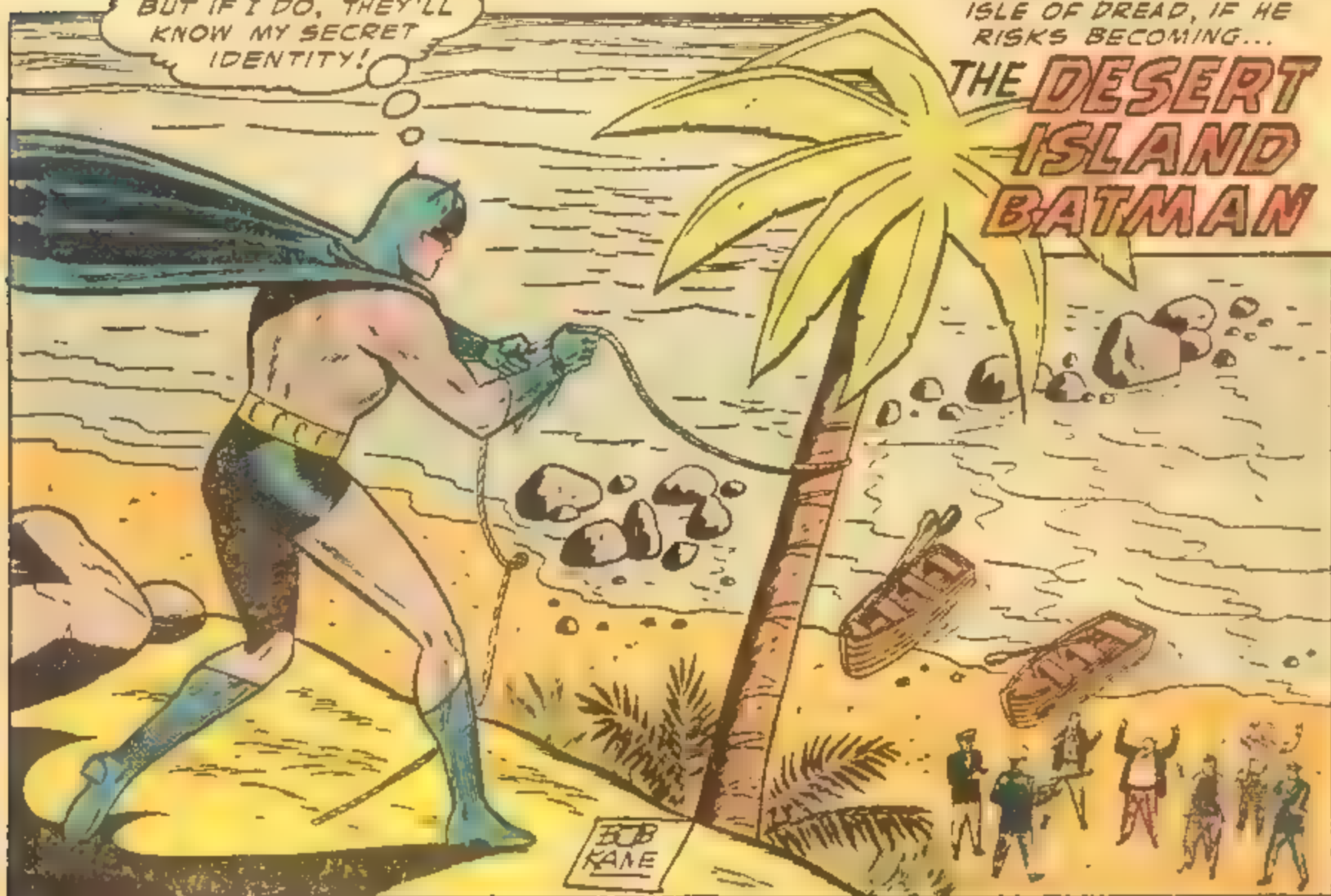
BATMAN

ROBIN

CASTAWAY ON A DESERT ISLAND--THAT'S BEEN THE FATE OF MANY MEN IN YEARS GONE BY! BUT WHEN IT HAPPENS NOW TO A GROUP OF MEN THROWN BY A SINISTER DISASTER ONTO A LONELY SPECK OF LAND, ONE OF THEM MUST PLAY THE ROLE OF TWO MEN! AND BRUCE WAYNE, THE WEALTHY PLAYBOY WHO IS ALSO GOTHAM CITY'S GREATEST LAWMAN, FACES DOUBLE DANGER ON AN ISLE OF DREAD, IF HE RISKS BECOMING...

THE DESERT ISLAND BATMAN

I'VE GOT TO ACT-- BUT IF I DO, THEY'LL KNOW MY SECRET IDENTITY!



A SEDATE BROWNSTONE MANSION, ON A QUIET GOTHAM CITY SIDE-STREET, HOUSES THE MOST EXCLUSIVE CLUB IN THE WORLD...

THIS IS THE MILLIONAIRES' CLUB, EH, BRUCE?

YES, DICK, AND EVERY MEMBER IS A MILLIONAIRE! AS "PLAYBOY" BRUCE WAYNE, I OCCASIONALLY HAVE TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE HERE!

INSIDE, A MOMENT LATER...

THERE'S THOMAS THORPE, THE BIG AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURER, AND HOMER BRANDON, THE MILLIONAIRE SHIP-BUILDER!

IT'S SOME CLUB, BRUCE--THOUGH IT DOESN'T MEAN MUCH TO US!



BUT BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON--ALIAS BATMAN AND ROBIN--ARE TO FIND THIS GATHERING A FATEFUL ONE--



BATMAN



--AS SHORTLY AFTERWARD, THE MEETING COMES TO ORDER...

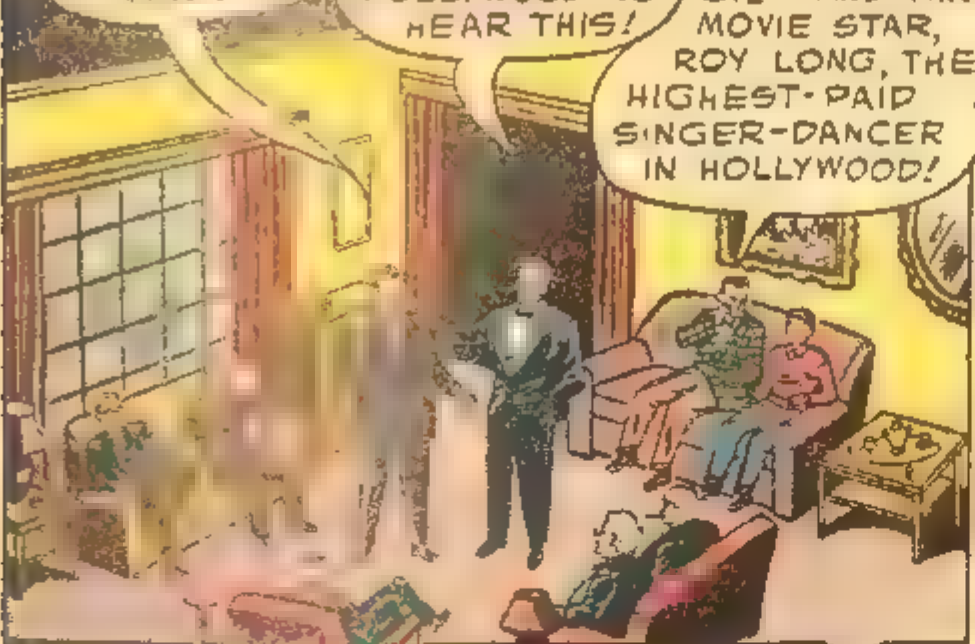
"WELL, WHAT'S IT? I CAME ALL THE WAY FROM HOLLYWOOD TO HEAR THIS!"

"JOHN WISWELL, THE CHAIRMAN, MADE A FORTUNE DRILLING FOR OIL-- AND THAT'S MOVIE STAR, ROY LONG, THE HIGHEST-PAID SINGER-DANCER IN HOLLYWOOD!"

"I PROPOSE A YACHT-CRUISE TO THE SOUTH SEAS, FOR MILLIONAIRES ONLY! WE'LL BE THE CREW OURSELVES, AND ONLY HIRE A FEW STEWARDS!"

"I'LL COME! IT'S A SWELL IDEA FOR A REAL VACATION!"

"I'LL COME TOO!"



BUT IN THE CORRIDOR, A SWIFT CHANGE OF GARB...

AND AS THE ENTHUSIASTIC MILLIONAIRES SIGN UP...

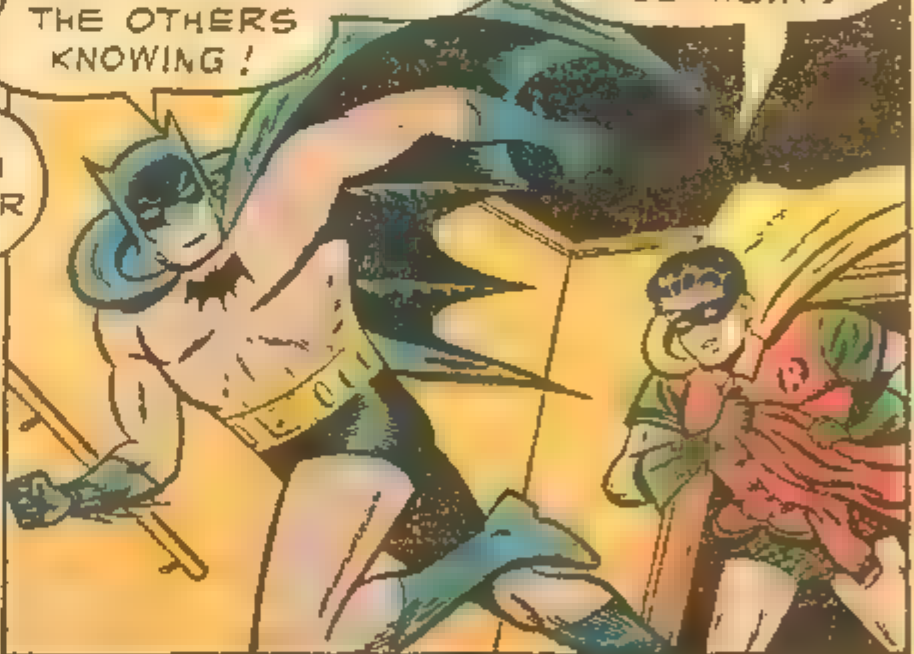
"I'VE ALREADY BOUGHT A YACHT AND UP A SAILING ROUTE! WHAT ABOUT YOU, WISWELL?"

"THE WINDOW NEXT DOOR REFLECTED A FLASH OF LIGHT IN THE UPPER ROOMS!"

"ER-- SORRY, WISWELL... I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR SUCH A CRUISE! MUST STAY FOR THE POLO SEASON! SEE YOU LATER-- COME ALONG, DICK!"

THERE'S A PROWLER UPSTAIRS-- I WANT TO GRAB HIM WITHOUT THE OTHERS KNOWING!

A MILLIONAIRES' CLUB WOULD ATTRACT THIEVES, ALL RIGHT!



BUT IN THE ROOM ABOVE, BATMAN AND ROBIN RUN INTO A BAZZLING SURPRISE...

"LOOK OUT-- FLASH-BULBS!"

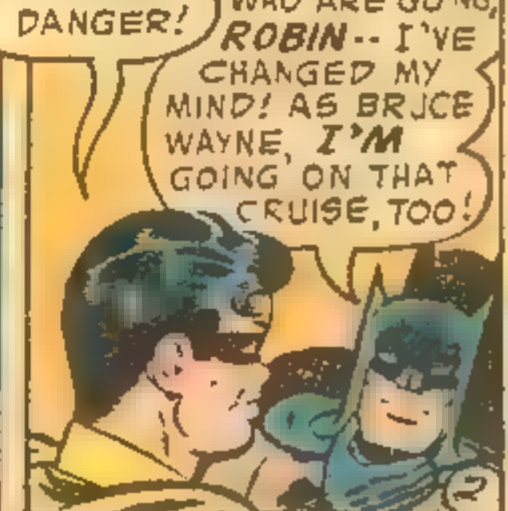
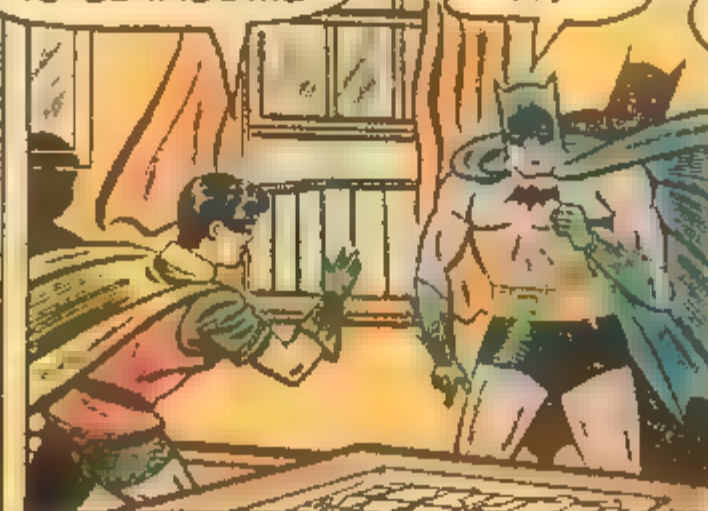
WHEN THE TWO LAWMEN RECOVER THEIR VISION...

"HE GOT AWAY-- BUT WHAT WAS HE DOING? NOTHING SEEMS TO BE MISSING!"

"THIS TACKED-DOWN SAILING-CHART OF THE CRUISE-YACHT... HE WAS PHOTOGRAPHING IT!"

THE ROUTE OF THE MILLIONAIRES' CRUISE! IF UNSCRUPULOUS MEN HAVE THAT, IT COULD MEAN DANGER!

YES, DANGER TO THE MILLIONAIRES WHO ARE GOING, ROBIN-- I'VE CHANGED MY MIND! AS BRUCE WAYNE, I'M GOING ON THAT CRUISE, TOO!"



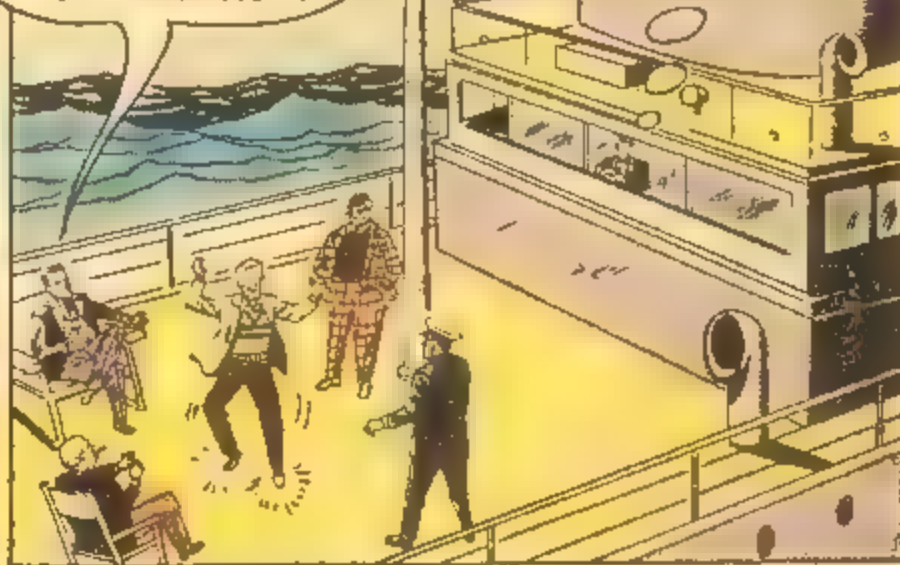
THUS, DAYS LATER, AS THE YACHT *ESTRELLA* PUTS OUT TO SEA...

BUT AS THE YACHT FORGES THROUGH LAZY DAYS INTO SOUTHERN SEAS...

I WISH BATMAN HADN'T ASKED ME TO STAY HOME SO THE UNDERWORLD WON'T SUSPECT HE'S GONE! I CAN'T HELP FEELING UNEASY ABOUT THAT VOYAGE!

YOUR SUPER-FAST TAP-DANCE IS SWELL, ROY... BUT REMEMBER, WE'RE ON VACATION!

IT ALL SEEMS PEACEFUL-- AND I'VE INSPECTED THE WHOLE YACHT WITHOUT FINDING ANYTHING WRONG!



ANYTHING MORE, MR. WISWELL?

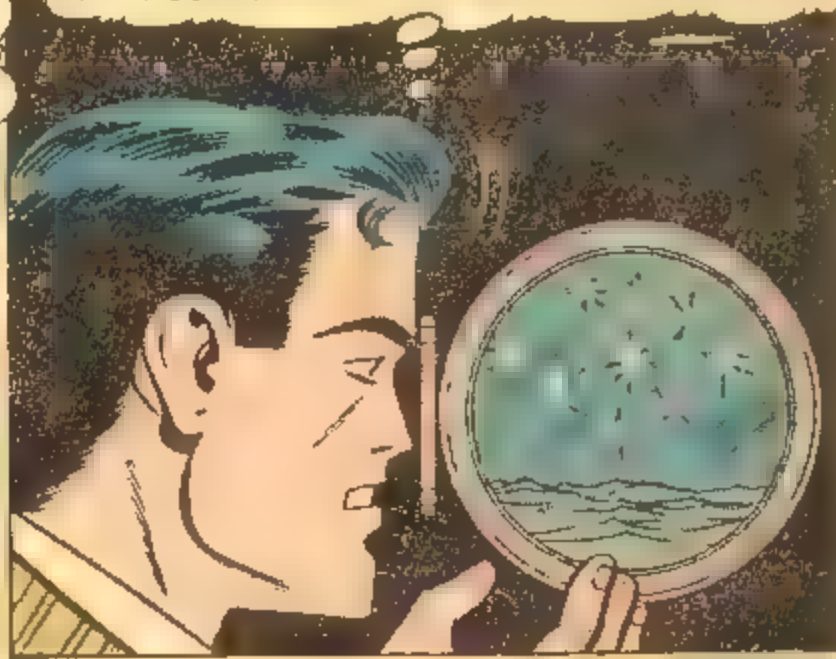
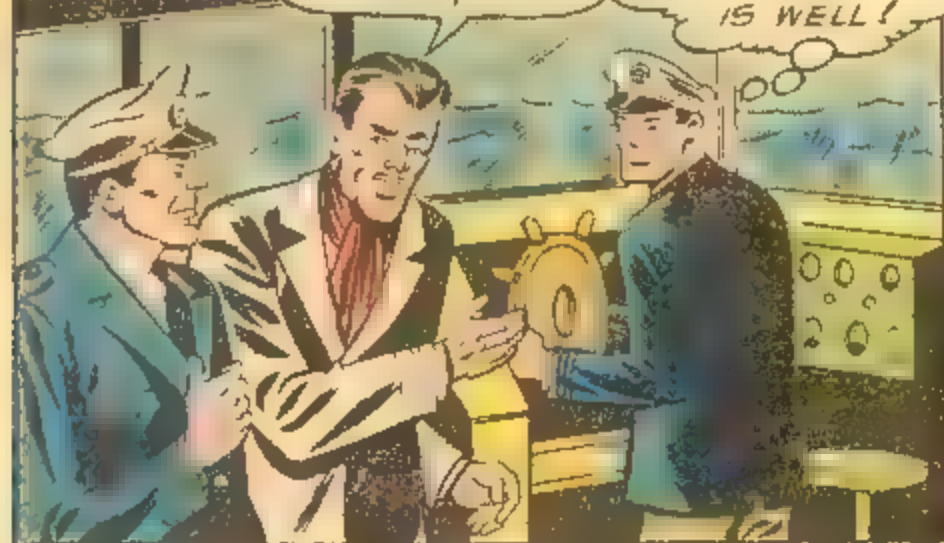
NO, VOSS-- NOTHING MORE TONIGHT! YOU STEWARDS CAN GO OFF DUTY! I'LL TAKE THE WHEEL, BRUCE!

GUESS I'LL TURN IN EARLY!

...SO I CAN SLIP UP AFTER MIDNIGHT, AND MAKE SURE ALL IS WELL!

BUT WHEN BRUCE AWAKENS AT MIDNIGHT...

THOSE STARS SHOW WE'VE CHANGED COURSE SHARPLY-- AND WE'RE RUNNING AT FULL SPEED! SOMETHING'S WRONG!



SOMETHING IS WRONG INDEED--FOR AS BRUCE RACES OUT ON DECK...

OUR STEWARDS HAVE MUTINIED!

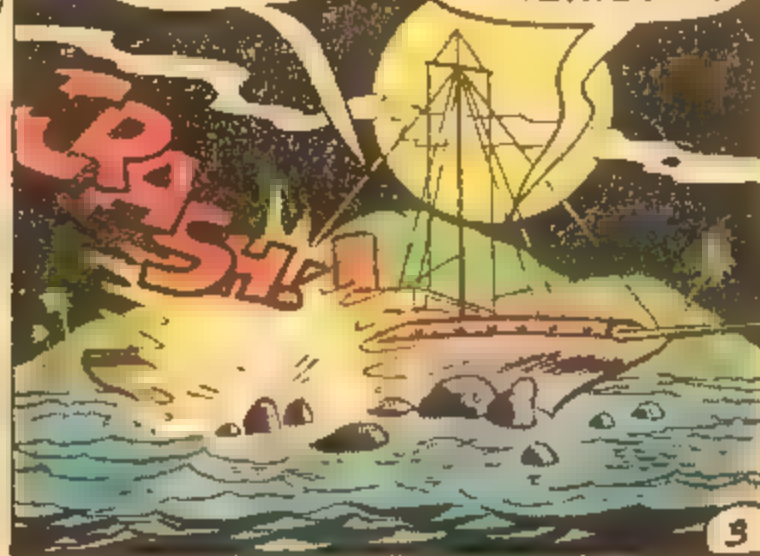
MY PALS AND I AREN'T STEWARDS, MR. WISWELL! WE'VE TAKEN OVER THIS TUB AND ARE RUNNING FOR OUR OWN DESTINATION!

GOT TO ACT, EVEN IF IT MEANS REVEALING MY BATMAN IDENTITY!

BUT IN THAT SAME INSTANT...

WE'VE HIT A REEF-- THE YACHT WILL SINK! THIS IS YOUR DOING, VOSS!

RIGHT, WISWELL-- WE PLANNED THIS! INTO THE BOATS, EVERYBODY!



AND THE RISING SUN SOON DISCLOSES...

AS SOON

AFTER BEACHING THE LIFEBOATS...

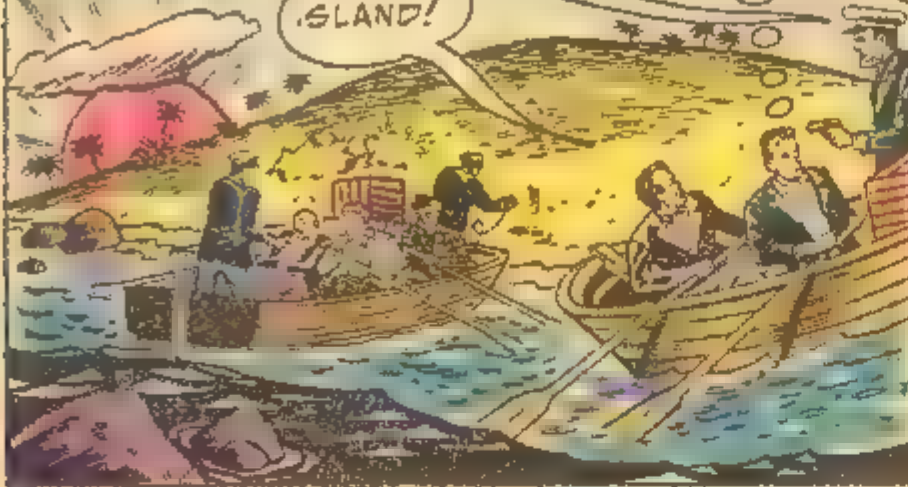
YES--A DESERT ISLE WE'LL CALL **ISLAND X!** IT'S PART OF OUR PLANS!

AS I LEARN WHAT THOSE PLANS ARE, I'LL HAVE TO GO INTO ACTION AS **BATMAN**--NO MATTER WHAT THE RISK!

PALS OF OURS WILL BE ALONG SOON TO PICK **US** UP... BUT YOU MEN WILL STAY MAROONED HERE--UNLESS YOU AGREE TO PAY \$1,000,000 EACH FOR RESCUE!

SO THAT'S YOUR PLAN! WELL, I WON'T BE HELD UP! NEITHER WILL I!

AN ISLAND!



YOU'LL SOON CHANGE YOUR MINDS! THIS FOOD, BY THE WAY, WILL COST YOU \$1,000 A MEAL **EXTRA!**

WE'LL NEVER PAY SUCH A RIDICULOUS SUM... WE'LL FIND SOMETHING TO EAT!

LET'S SCATTER AND SEARCH FOR FOOD!



BUT AS THE HUNGRY MAGNATES SEARCH DESPERATELY,

NO FOOD OR WATER, YET! THIS IS SERIOUS UNLESS--WAIT... THAT **DRIFTWOOD** MIGHT HELP!



DEFTLY, BRUCE USES LOOSE VINE TO LASH SOME DRIFTWOOD TOGETHER...

AFTERWARD...

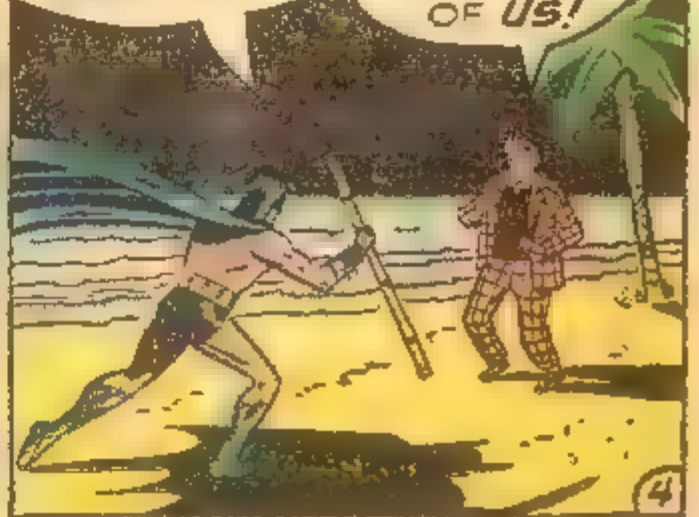
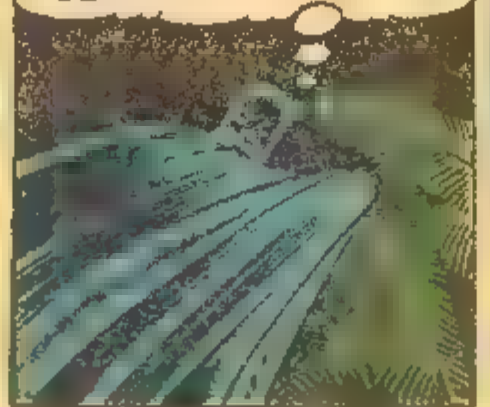
A LITTLE LATER...

THIS **BAT-RAFT** SHOULD FLOAT FAR ON THE PREVAILING CURRENTS! I'LL MAKE OTHERS AND LAUNCH THEM, TOO!

NOW **BATMAN** HAS TO JOIN IN THE SEARCH FOR FOOD, EVEN IF IT DOES MEAN GIVING AWAY HIS OTHER IDENTITY AND--HMM... WITH HIS SHIP-BUILDING KNOW-HOW, MR. BRANDON MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP ME!

MR. BRANDON, COULD YOU IMPROVISE A **SHIP'S WHISTLE** FROM THIS HOLLOW BAMBOO? IT'S IMPORTANT!

WHY--SURE... I CAN DO THAT! BUT--YOUR PRESENCE HERE, **BATMAN**, THAT MEANS YOU'RE ONE OF **US!**





BATMAN



SHORTLY, WHERE THE CRIMINALS GUARD THE RATIONS...

LISTEN... SOME PASSING SHIP MUST HAVE STOPPED AT THIS ISLAND!

QUICK, WE'VE GOT TO PREVENT THE MILLIONAIRES FROM ESCAPING!



BUT WHEN THEY REACH THE "SHIP"...

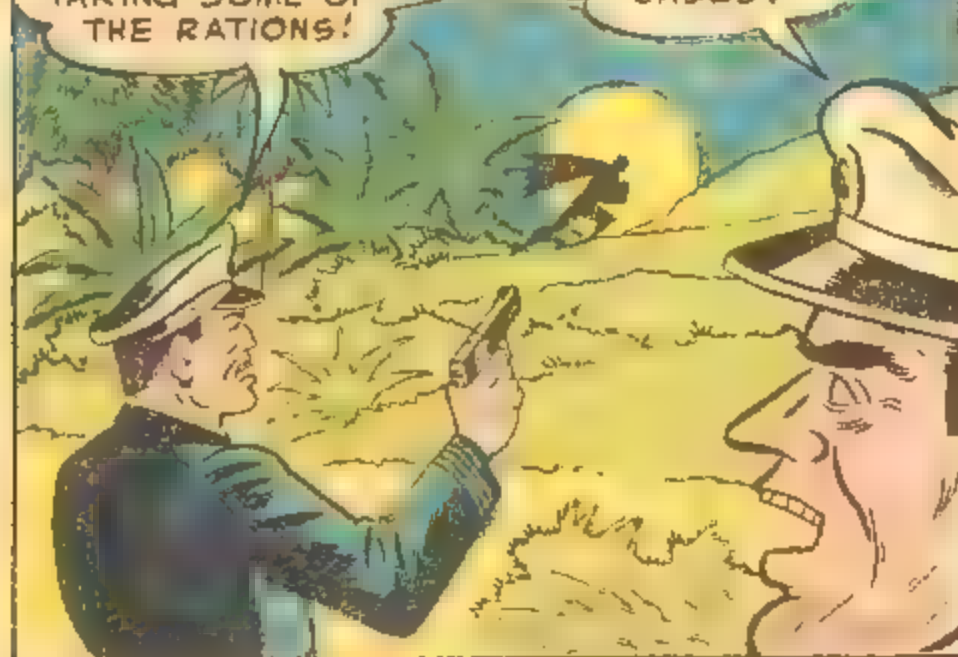
HUH--? IT'S ONLY BRANDON!

THIS IS A TRICK TO GET US AWAY FROM THE RATIONS!



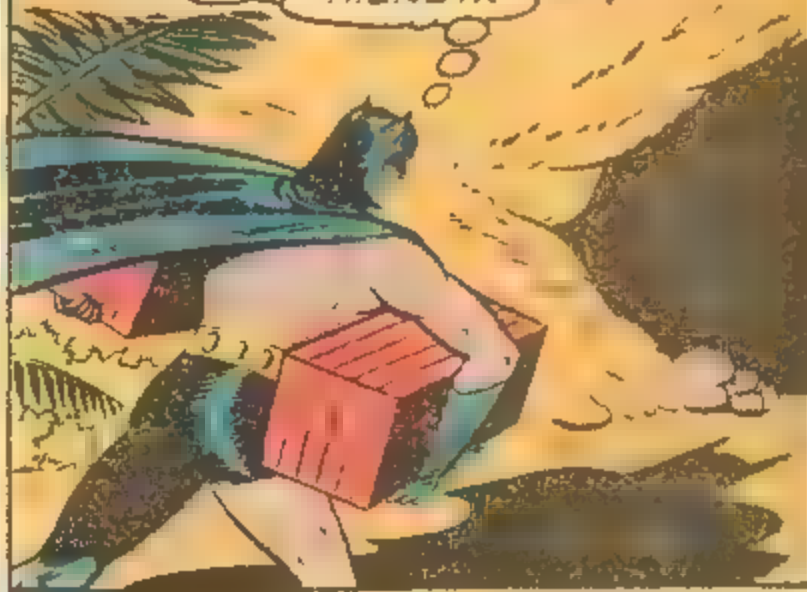
YEAH... AND LOOK! **BATMAN'S** ON THE ISLAND WITH US! HE'S TAKING SOME OF THE RATIONS!

AFTER HIM! HE CAN'T GET AWAY, LOADED DOWN WITH THOSE CASES!



BUT AS THEY PURSUE THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER THROUGH THE FOREST

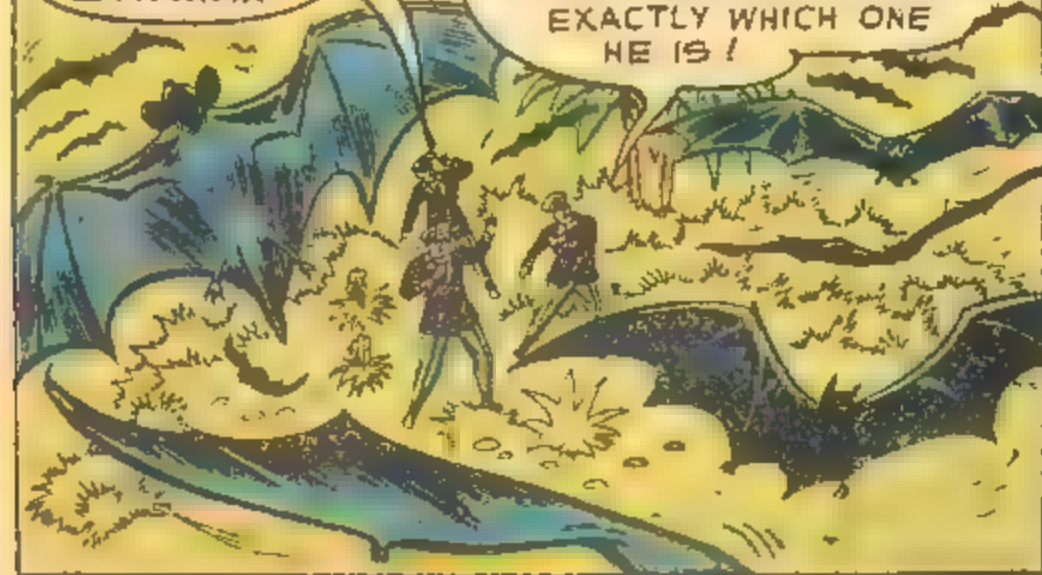
THAT CAVE IS A HAUNT OF BIG TROPICAL BATS! IF I CAN JUST STIR THEM OUT OF THERE...



AND A GRIM PURSUIT SUDDENLY BECOMES HOPELESSLY CONFUSED.

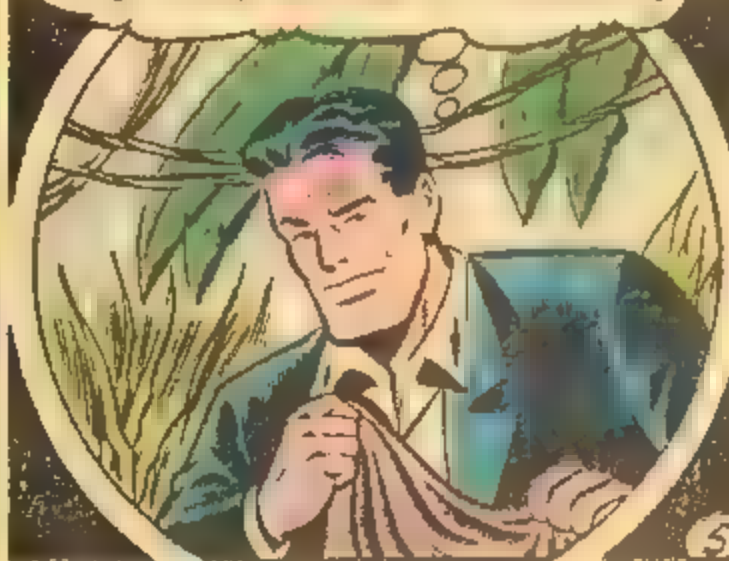
BATS... EVERYWHERE! I CAN'T SPOT **BATMAN!**

SO WHAT? WE NOW KNOW HE'S ONE OF THOSE **MILLIONAIRES!** IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHICH ONE HE IS!



MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE FOREST...

I'VE STASHED THOSE RATIONS... NOW TO RETURN AS **BRUCE!** TROUBLE IS, EACH TIME I APPEAR, I'M NARROWING DOWN THE PROBLEM OF MY IDENTITY!



SURE AND BACK AT THE BEACH...

IT WASN'T A WAGON,
SO ONE OF THE FOUR
MUST BE BATMAN!
LISTEN, BATMAN--
THERE'S NO
WATER ON THIS
ISLAND. THESE
CASKS ARE ALL
THERE...

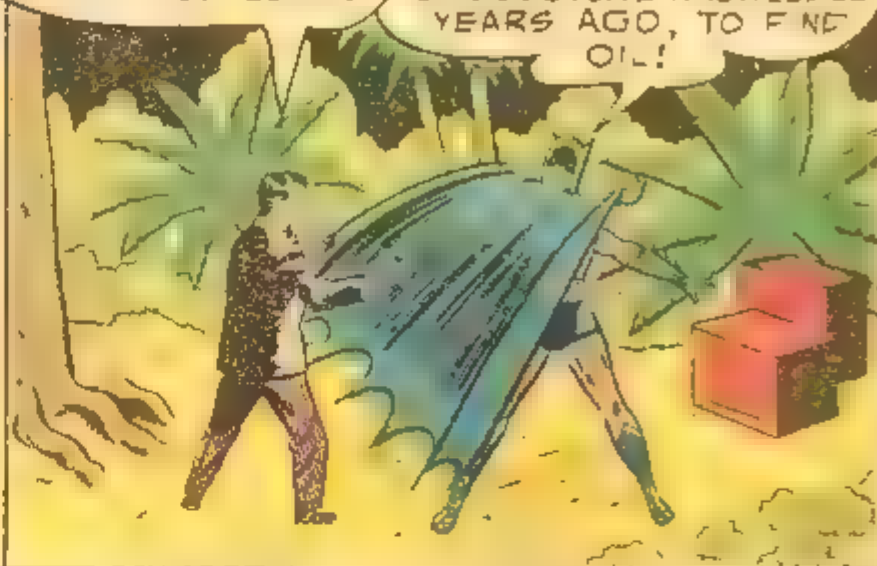
IF THAT'S SO, I
MUST FIND WATER--
OR THEY'LL ALL BE
FORCED TO GIVE
IN TO VOSS!



SO ONCE AGAIN, IN THE FOREST, BRUCE WAYNE
AGAIN BECOMES THE GREAT LAWMAN..

BATMAN!
YOU MUST BE
EITHER BRUCE
WAYNE, OR THORPE,
OR ROY LONG!

LISTEN, WISWELL--HERE
ARE THE RATIONS, BUT
WE MUST HAVE WATER!
YOU USED YOUR
GEOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE
YEARS AGO, TO FIND
OIL!



NOW YOU'VE GOT TO USE
YOUR GEOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE
TO FIND WATER!

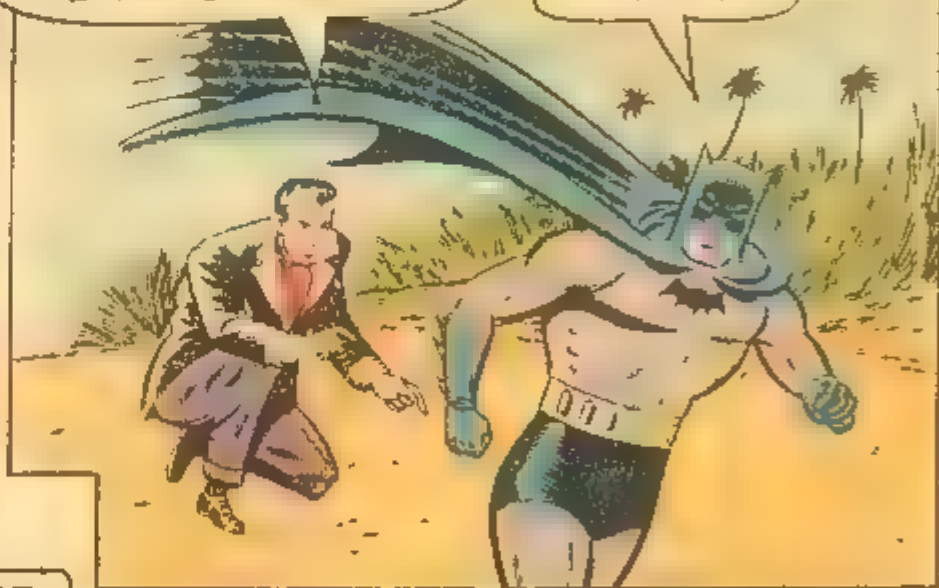
I'LL TRY--
ANYTHING
TO AVOID
GIVING IN TO THOSE
RASCALS!



AND A BRILLIANT MAGNATE'S SKILL SOON LEADS
HIM TO... **WATER!**

I'M SURE THERE'S
SOME UNDER THIS
PLACE-- BUT HOW CAN
WE DRILL DOWN TO IT?

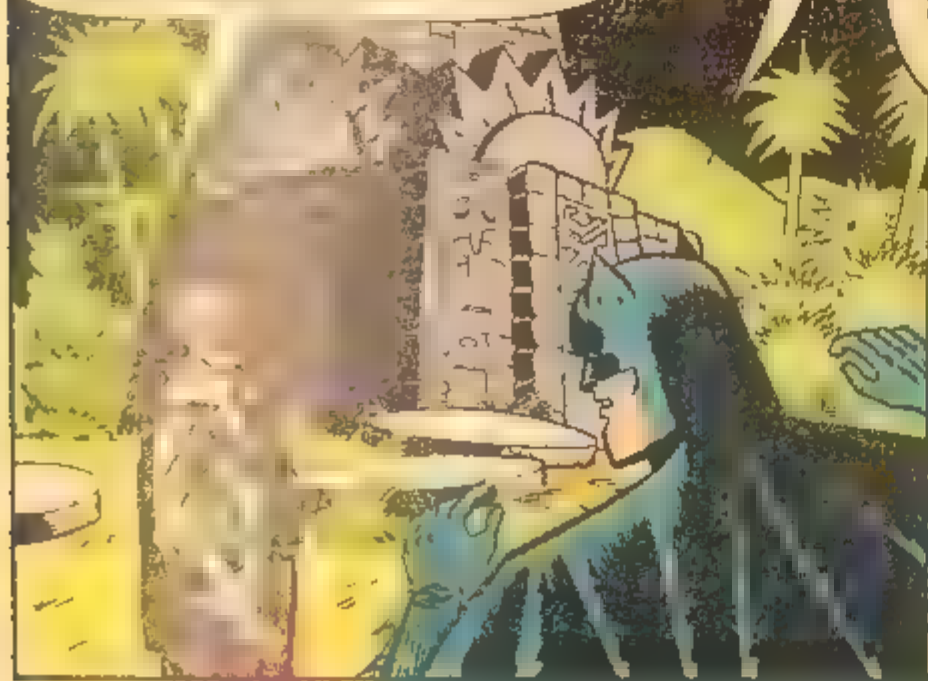
AS AN AUTO MANUFACTURER,
THORPE KNOWS
TOOLS! I'LL FIND HIM
AND SEE WHAT HE
CAN DO!



ON A JOURNEY, BATMAN FINDS THE
AUTO MANUFACTURER IN A STRANGE SETTING.

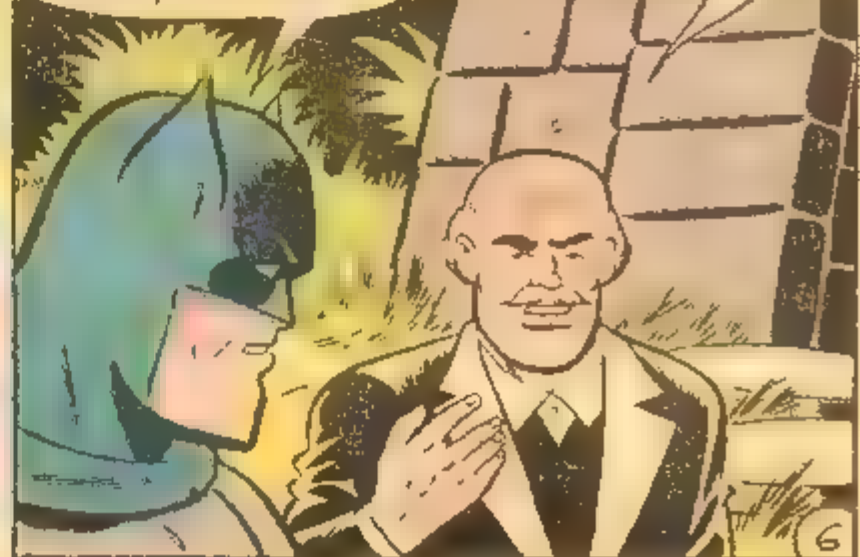
BATMAN! LOOK! THIS ANCIENT
TEMPLE-- THAT PEOPLE
ONCE LIVED HERE! BUT WHAT
ARE THESE STONE DISKS?

THEY'RE
MONEY...



...**STONE** MONEY--SUCH AS THE NATIVES
OF YAP AND OTHER ISLANDS USE--TOO BIG
TO CARRY WHEN THEY DEPART!
BUT I'VE A DRILLING
ASSIGNMENT FOR
YOU, THORPE!

I'LL DO IT
IF I CAN!



AND AN AUTO MANUFACTURER'S KNOW-HOW WITH TOOLS SOON BRINGS RESULTS...

GET IT?... THE SPRINGING BACK OF THE TREE COUNTERWEIGHTS THE LOG SO WE CAN MOVE IT UP AND DOWN! WE SHOULD REACH THE WATER SOON!

GOOD... I'LL FIND ROY LONG AND BRUCE WAYNE!

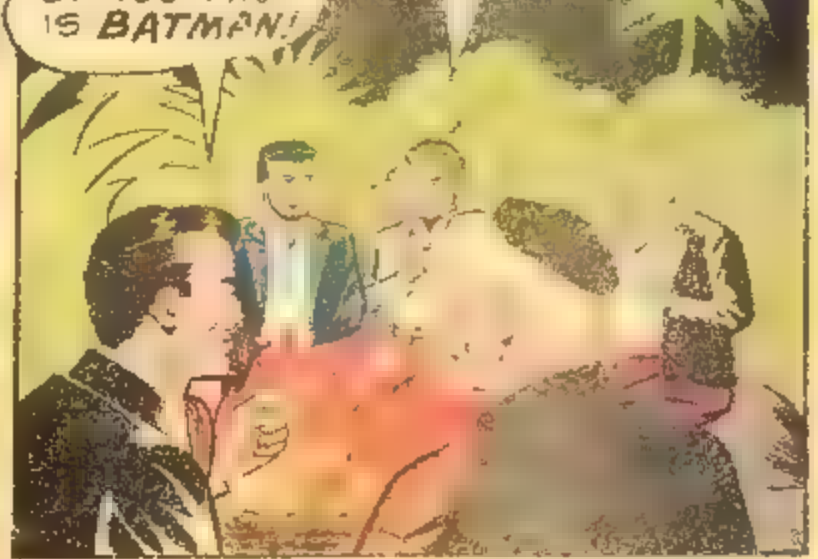
HE IS EITHER LONG OR WAYNE- AND WE'LL SOON KNOW WHICH!

AS NIGHT FALLS...

WE'VE GOT FOOD AND WATER NOW-- THANKS TO WHICHEVER OF YOU TWO IS **BATMAN**!

YOU TALK LIKE **BATMAN**, ROY!

BUT THOSE CROOKS' PALS WILL ARRIVE SOON! AHA! WE'LL SEE THEM!



I'M NOT **BATMAN**-- BUT I THINK WE SHOULD KEEP WATCH ON VOSS AND HIS ACCOMPLICES!

SINCE I'M ALSO A **BATMAN-SUSPECT**, I MIGHT AS WELL HELP YOU, ROY! I'LL TAKE THE HIGHER PART OF THE ISLAND!

AND AS BRUCE AGAIN BECOMES **BATMAN**, KEEPING TENSE WATCH...

THAT DISTANT PLANE-MOTOR... I FIGURED ROBIN WOULD EVENTUALLY SHOW UP! I CAN USE THIS POLISHED STONE TO FLASH-REFLECT THE MOONLIGHT IN HELIOGRAPH CODE-- TELL HIM TO LAND QUIETLY!



STEALTHILY, IN ANSWER TO **BATMAN'S** SIGNAL, THE BLACK-WINGED **BAT-PLANE** LANDS...

BATMAN, WHEN THE YACHT WAS REPORTED MISSING, I STARTED SEARCHING-- AND SPOTTED ONE OF YOUR FLOATING **BAT-RAFTS** WITH THE MESSAGE YOU CARVED ON IT!

EXACTLY WHAT I EXPECTED YOU'D DO, **ROBIN**!

BUT WHEN I SPOTTED THIS ISLAND YOU MENTIONED, I ALSO SPOTTED A SMALL SHIP HEADING TOWARD IT!

THAT MEANS OUR CAPTORS' ACCOMPLICES ARE ARRIVING! WE MUST MOVE FAST!

AND UPON HASTENING TO THE OTHER WATCHER...

YES, LONG-- YOUR SPECIALTY OF THE SUPER-FAST TAP-DANCE, ON THIS DRYWOOD CAN HELP US! AND SHOWT WHAT I TOLD YOU.

I'LL DO IT, **BATMAN**-- OR SHOULD I SAY, **BRUCE**? AFTER ALL, YOU **MUST** BE **BRUCE WAYNE**!



MINUTES LATER, AS DETERMINED RASCALS START OUT TO ROUND UP THE MILLIONAIRES...

THERE THEY COME--
USE YOUR
SUBMACHINE-
GUN!

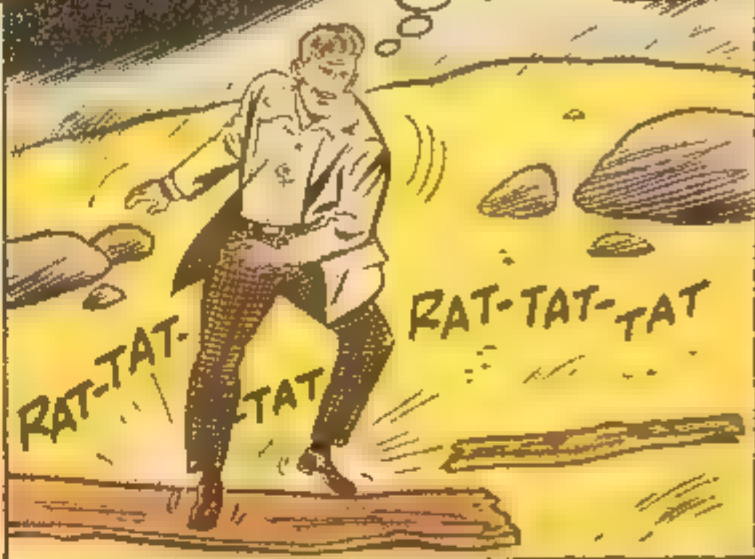
DOWN FLAT!
THEY'VE GOT A
MACHINE-GUN
FROM SOMEWHERE!

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT



KEEP FIRING OVER
THEIR HEADS!

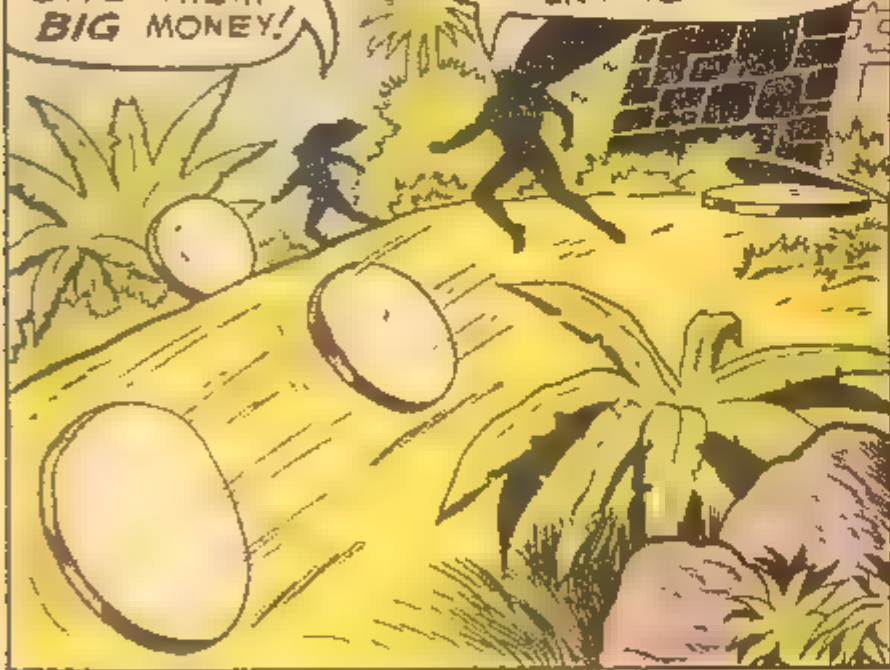
I'VE GOT THEM
STOPPED--BUT
HOW CAN BATMAN
MAKE THEM SURRENDER?
WHAT'S HE UP TO?



THE DYNAMIC DUO IS UP TO A STRANGE
STRATAGEM INDEED...

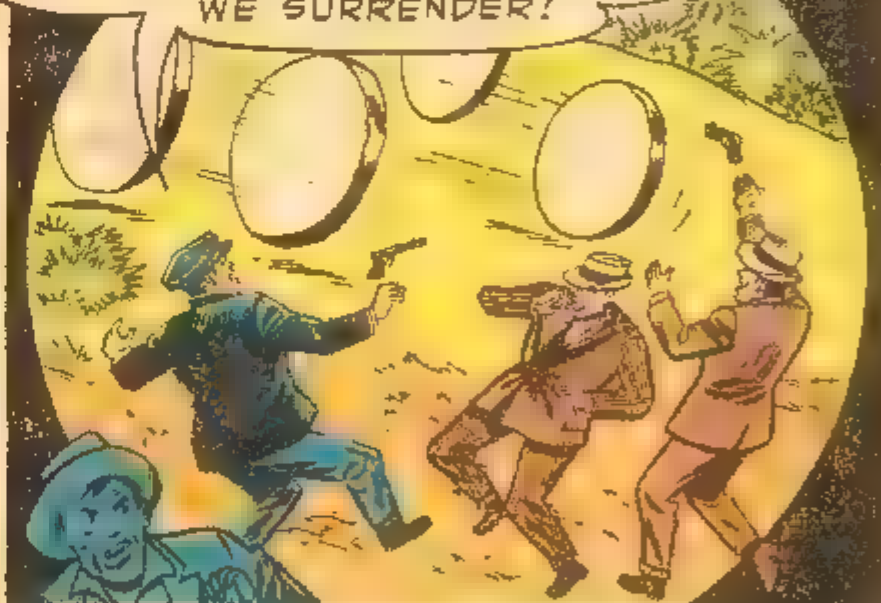
THOSE CROOKS
WERE AFTER
MONEY--WE'LL
GIVE THEM
BIG MONEY!

DON'T AIM
DIRECTLY AT THEM...
WE WANT TO MAKE THEM
SURRENDER, WITHOUT
HURTING THEM!



AND TOO MUCH "MONEY" SOON BRINGS
SCARED CROOKS TO BAY...

A MACHINE-GUN AHEAD... AND NOW
THOSE THINGS ROLLING DOWN ON
US! WE CAN'T FACE THEM--
WE SURRENDER!



SO AWHILE LATER, WITH ALL
THE PRISONERS IN TOW...

ROBIN
AND THE
BAT-PLANE!
YOU MUST'VE
BEEN HERE
ALL THE TIME,
JUST WAITING,
SO YOU COULD
GRAB VOSS'
ACCOMPLICES!

EXACTLY! YOU
SEE, I USED
MY SPECIAL
KNOWLEDGE--
MY PAST FRIEND-
SHIP WITH
BATMAN--
AND THOUGHT
OF THE BAT-
RAFTS THAT
LED THE WAY
HERE!

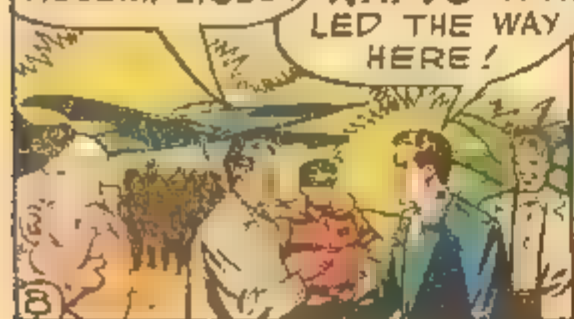
COME ON,
ROBIN-- WE CAN
TAKE OFF NOW,
AND OUR FRIENDS
CAN SAIL SAFELY
HOME IN THE
CROOKS' CAPTURED
SHIP!

COMING,
BATMAN!

AND WE
THOUGHT
BATMAN
MUST BE
BRUCE!
SILLY, AT
THAT, TO
THINK A
PLAYBOY
LIKE BRUCE
COULD PER-
FORM SUCH
FEATS!

AND AS THE BATPLANE
ARROWS HOMEWARD...

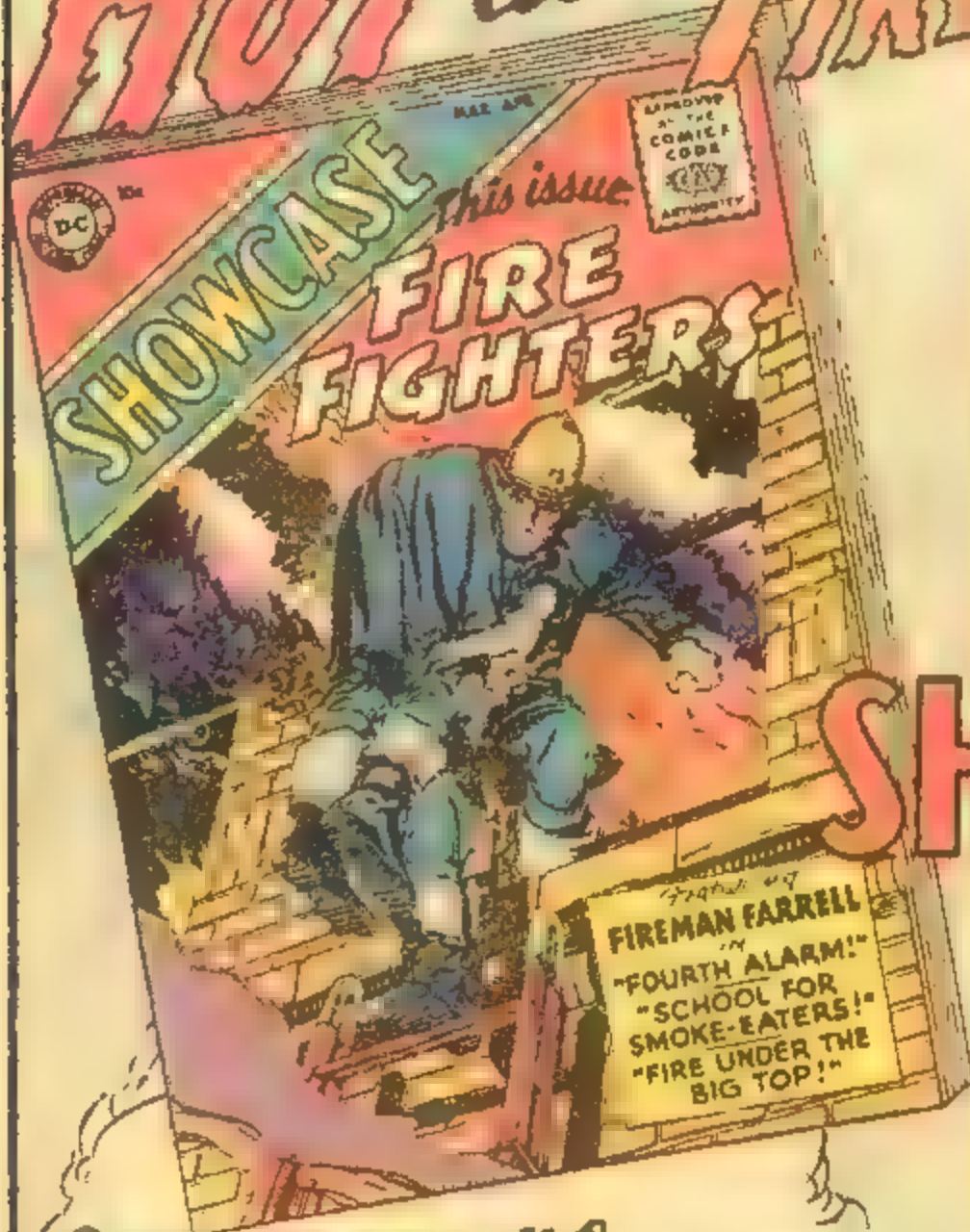
THEY DIDN'T GUESS THAT
BRUCE, BEHIND THEM,
SPOKE INTO HIS BELT-
RADIO, AND THAT MY
AMPLIFIED BELT-RADIO,
IN THE PLANE, MADE HIS
VOICE COME FROM
THERE! HE'LL HAVE
A LONG VOYAGE HOME
WITH THEM--BUT I
GUESS HE DESERVES
A VACATION NOW!



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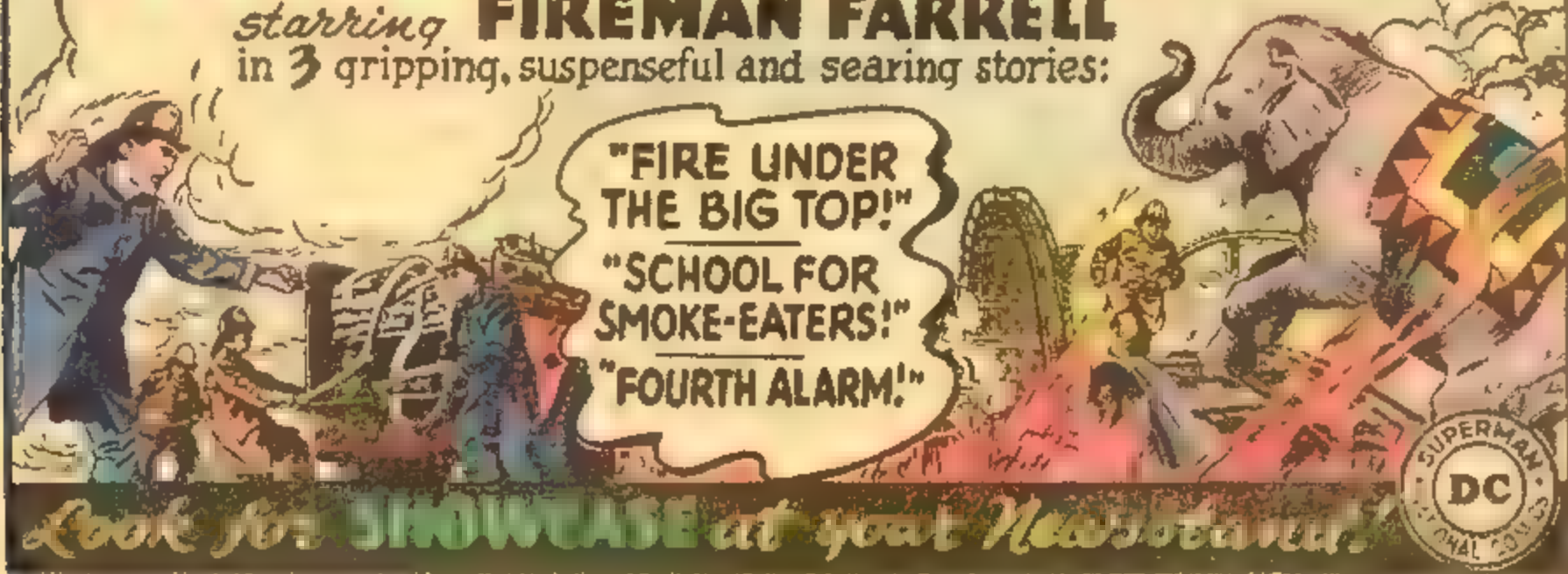
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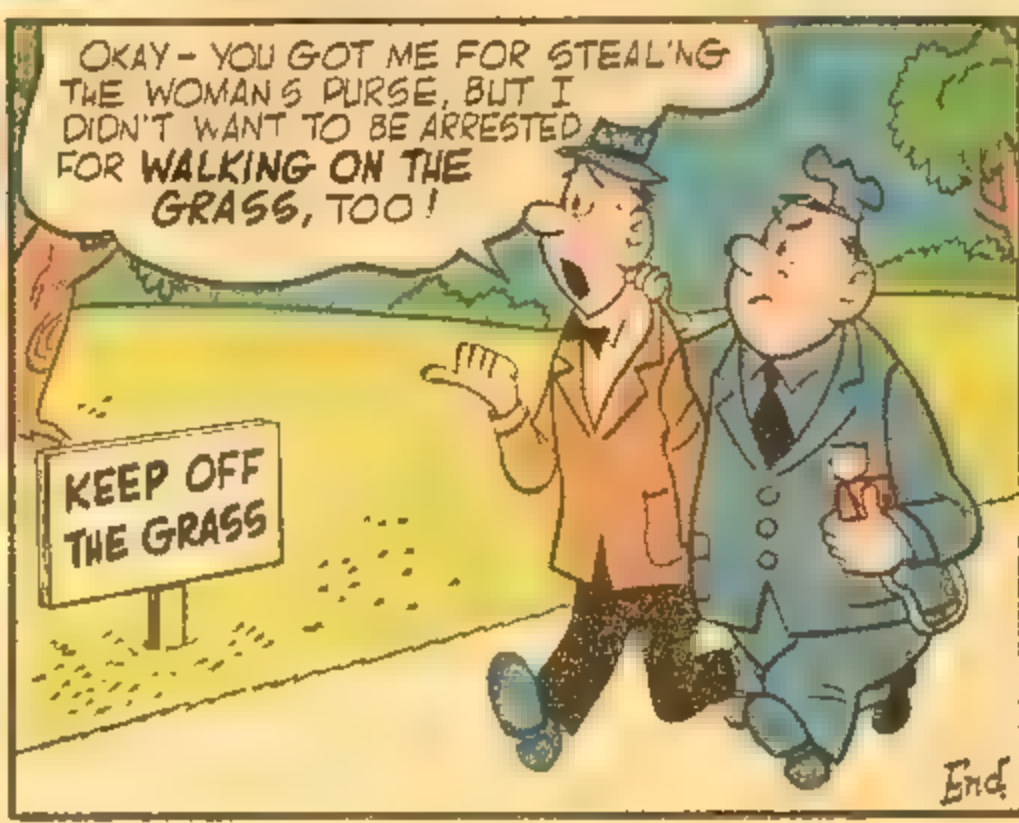
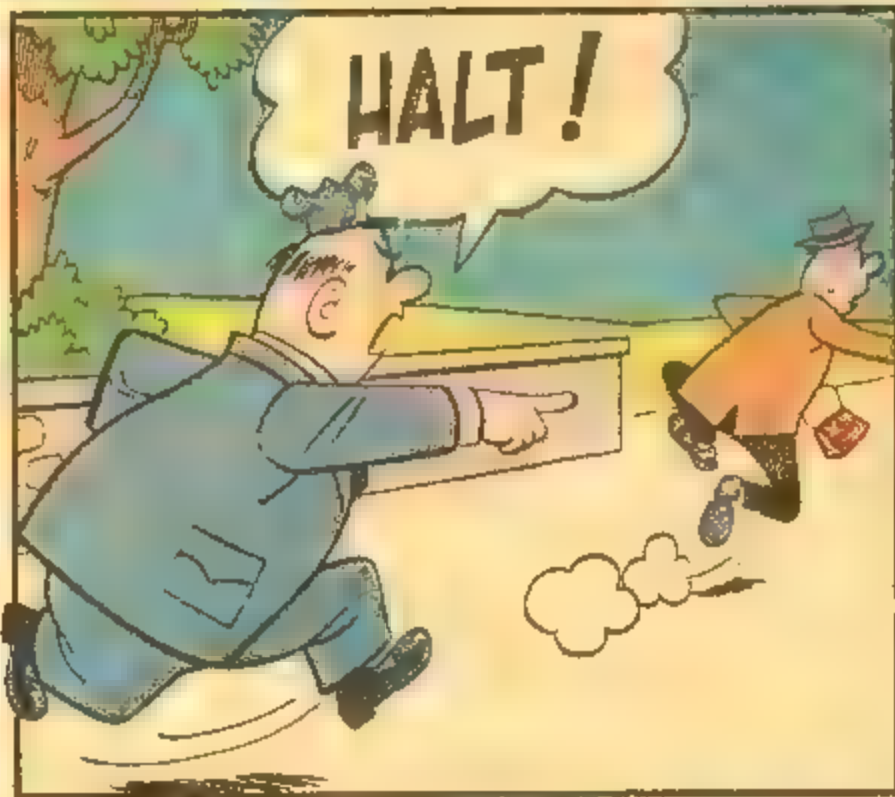
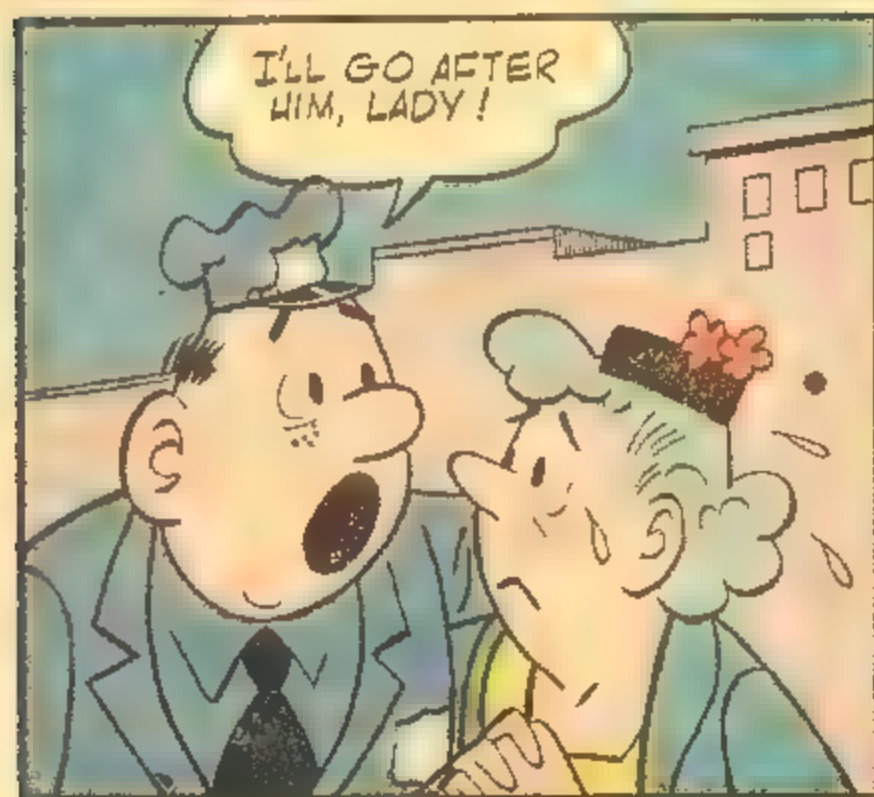
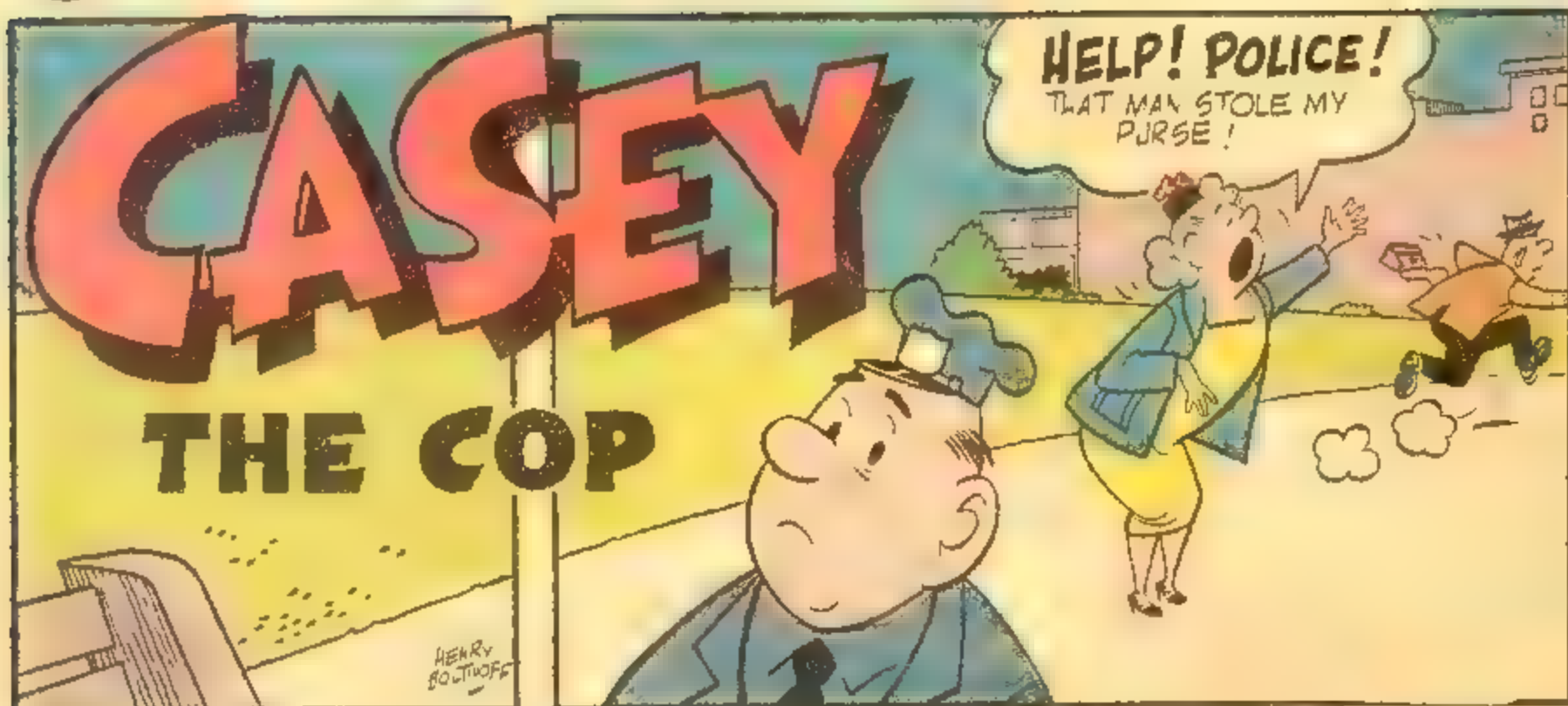
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PATROLMAN WITH SIX LEGS

The Officer On Horseback and His Mount Make An Unbeatable Combination

IT seems odd to many people that in this day and age, when our police forces have become so completely mechanized, that the departments of most large municipalities still retain a corps of mounted police.

Some people think that the horses are kept for sentimental reasons and in memory of the days when most policemen used a horse to get from one place to another. But this is not true. The mounted force still plays a vital role in preserving order, and it is considered as important an adjunct to the police department as the motorcycle and squad car.

In thickly congested areas where huge crowds assemble, jamming traffic, the squad car has been found wanting to cope with the situation. A mounted policeman, on the other hand, is in an advantageous position. High above the heads of the patrolman on foot or the police officer in a radio car, he can easily spot where the trouble is. And a trouble-maker will think twice before offering resistance to a four-legged opponent.

Have you ever watched a police horse in action? It is an almost frightening spectacle. The policeman only slightly

touches his flank with the spur, and this signal seems to transform the animal into a pawing, plunging beast. He seems almost to be out of control and dangerous to be near.

Actually, the horse is only putting on an act that he has been trained to do. But it is an act that discourages anyone from putting up an argument against him.

To find out how police horses receive such remarkable training, you must go to a "remount station" where they are given their conditioning.

A sweet smell of hay pervades the neat stables and barns which are enclosed by white fences. A sergeant is in charge of the station. He is, as you can imagine, an expert horseman, and knows as much about horses as anyone.

From him, you will learn where the police obtain their steeds—dealers who are constantly combing the country for the "right" horses.

What makes a horse "right" for police work? Police requirements are standard all over the country. To be acceptable, a horse must be between four and seven years old. His height must be between fifteen hands, three

inches, to sixteen hands, one inch high. (A hand is four inches.)

The acceptable horse must be a bay or mahogany brown, and possess a long mane and tail. He must be a good-looking horse—in short, he must *look* like a police horse. But there are other considerations as well. The horse must be well bred, have a gentle disposition, and possess well-timed action at all gaits.

Now, a horse may pass all the above qualifications, and yet not develop into a good police horse. Under stress, he may demonstrate a stubborn streak, or reveal an inability to carry out orders. The moment this trait is detected, the horse is returned to the dealer.

When a horse is accepted and found right for training, he is taken to the paddock, where his police training begins at once. Outside the paddock is an area that resembles a circus ring. In the center of this, a trainer holds a long line of light webbing that is attached to an odd-looking bridle worn by the horse. This training bridle is called a "cavisson." It has a complex system of swivels, hinges and levers through which the trainer transmits his orders by a pull or pressure while the horse gallops or canters 'round and 'round.

The trainer uses no whip, yet he manages to elicit perfect obedience from the animal, using only encouraging and gentle words. Let the horse learn his lesson well, and he is instantly rewarded by the trainer.

After a horse has learned all the signals, he is then broken to the saddle. This step comes before he is mounted. And now the horse is ready for his advanced training.

The rider teaches him how to move

backward or sideways. He also teaches him how to stand perfectly motionless in the midst of confusion and sudden loud noises. His last training lesson is to rear and plunge in that frightening manner.

Finally comes the acid test. In a "crowd" of people, consisting of police officers, the horse is taught to stand stock-still, while the crowd pushes at him this way and that.

The crowd blows horns, waves banners in front of the horse's face, leaps into the air—but the well-trained horse ignores them all. And even when its rider dismounts and walks away, leaving the horse alone in the crowd, the noble steed waits patiently. Let a stranger try to mount him, though, and he will shift his position so as to make mounting impossible.

Who are picked to ride these horses? Who become mounted policemen — former cowboys? Not at all. Almost without exception, they come from the ranks of the patrolmen on the foot beat. It is hard to believe from their expertness in handling their mounts, but most never sat in a saddle until they joined the mounted patrol.

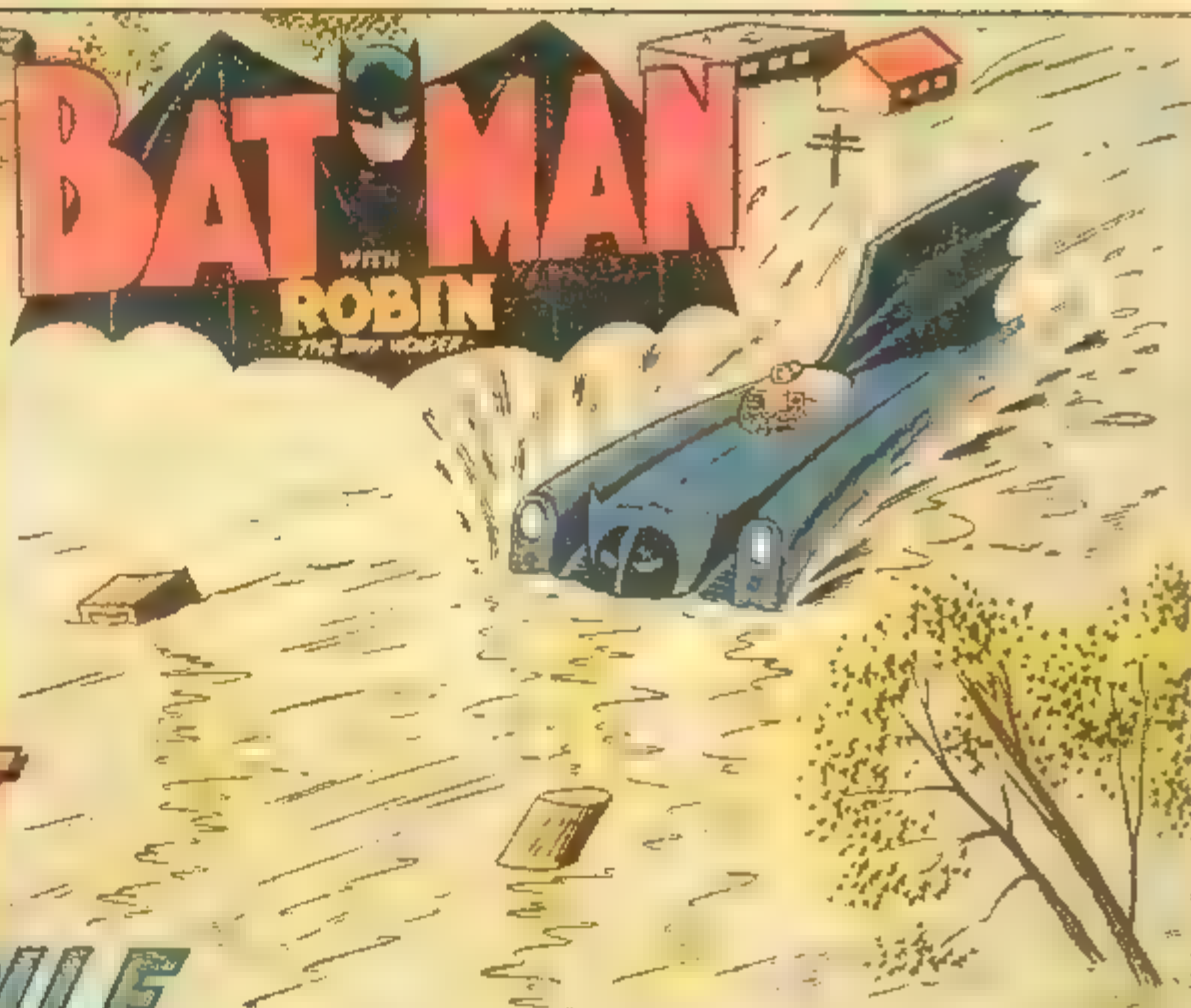
Police riding differs considerably from cavalry riding. Police riding favors the French school of riding, whereby the rider controls his horse by leg pressure. The advantage of this is, of course, that the rider's hands are free to draw a weapon or to perform other duties requiring the use of his hands.

It is standard police practice to assign a patrolman and a horse to each other for life. This six-legged combination makes an unbeatable team on the modern police force.

—Joe Mallory

A BLACK THUNDERBOLT ON WHEELS, A SWIFT NEMESIS TO LAWBREAKERS, A MIGHTY MACHINE OF JUSTICE... THAT'S THE BATMOBILE! AND THE FAMOUS CAR OF BATMAN AND ROBIN HAS, IN ITS TIME, PLAYED MANY STRANGE ROLES! BUT STRANGEST OF ALL IS THE MENACE THAT THE GREAT CAR BECOMES TO ITS OWNERS, WHEN THERE IS REVEALED THE MYSTERIOUS...

SECRET OF THE BATMOBILE



THE BATMOBILE'S FOLLOWING US UPRIVER... BUT HOW CAN IT?



BOB KANE

A ROAR OF POWER, A FLASHING CAR-- AND ONCE AGAIN, A MENACE TO GOTHAM CITY IS ON THE LOOSE...

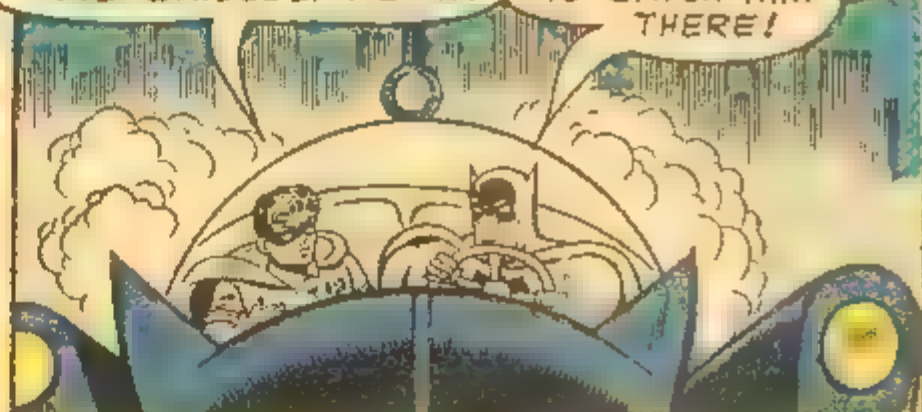
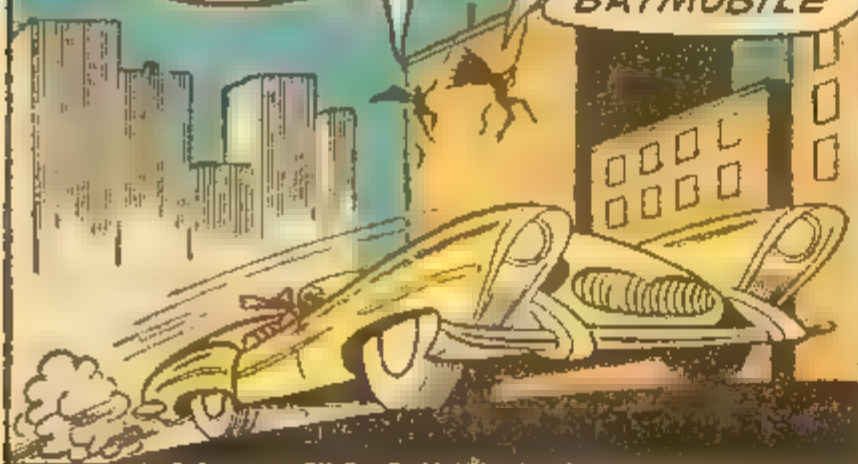
BATMAN, THERE HE GOES-- THE RACER! HE MUST BE GETTING AWAY FROM ANOTHER THEFT!

I FIGURED WE'D SEE HIM FROM HERE IF HE STRUCK AGAIN! QUICK, SWING DOWN TO THE BATMOBILE

AND SWIFTLY, THE GRIM BLACK CAR OF BATMAN AND ROBIN TAKES UP THE PURSUIT... HE WAS

HE'S A MENACE TO TRAFFIC AS WELL AS A LAWBREAKER... WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE VANISHES MYSTERIOUSLY AGAIN!

HEADING TO-- WARD WEST AVENUE... WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM THERE!



BUT BATMAN LITTLE DREAMS THAT FATE, AS A RENDEZVOUS WITH HIM ON THE STREET AHEAD...



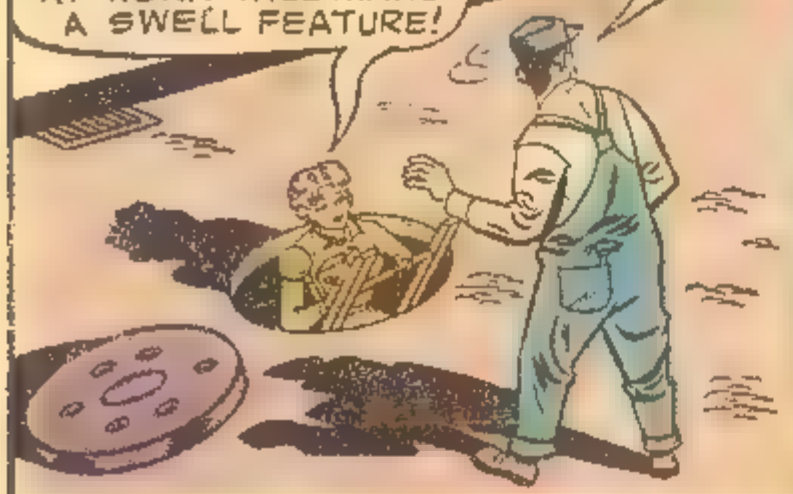
BATMAN



..IN THE PERSON OF VICKI VALE, IRREPRESSIBLE GIRL PHOTOGRAPHER OF VUE MAGAZINE!

THANKS FOR GUIDING ME... MY PICTURES OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC CABLEMEN AT WORK WILL MAKE A SWELL FEATURE!

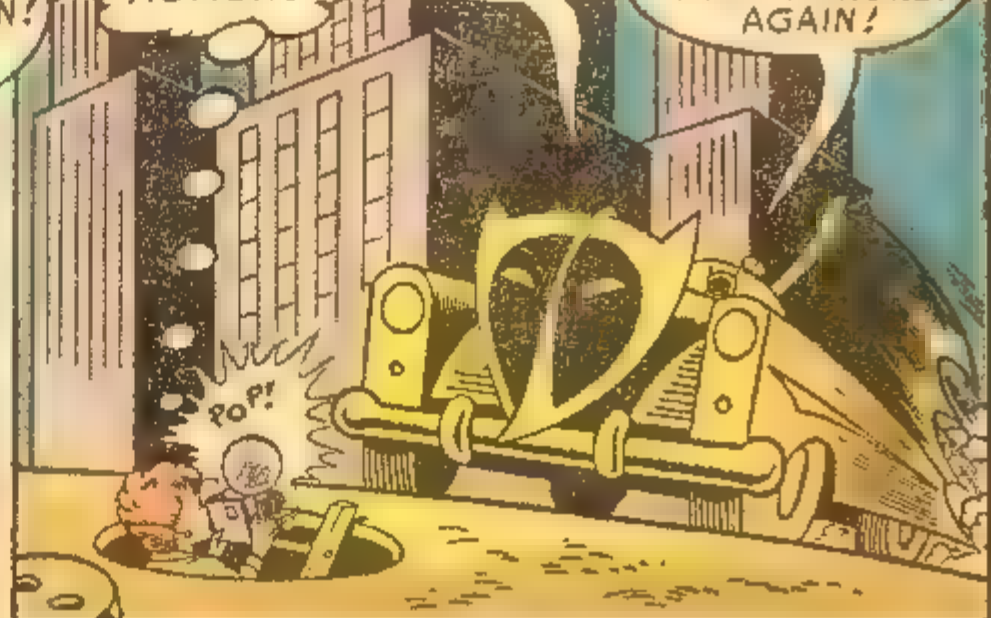
GLAD TO HELP, MISS VALE! BUT WAIT--KEEP DOWN! THERE'S A CAR COMING FAST!



THE BATMOBILE! WHAT A CHANCE FOR A DRAMATIC SHOT OF IT IN ACTION!

THAT MANHOLE IS OPEN, BATMAN!

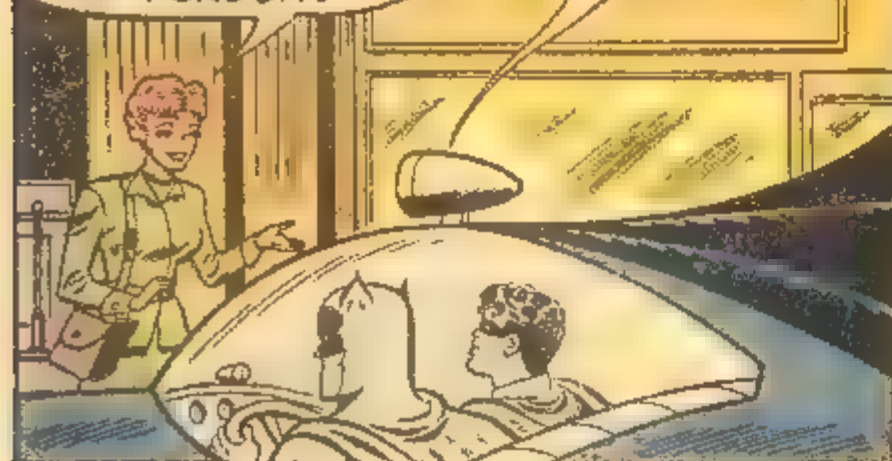
I CAN STRADDLE IT... BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE RACER HAS OUTRUN US AND VANISHED AGAIN!



AND AFTER A VAIN SEARCH...

SORRY YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR MAN-- BUT I GOT MY PICTURE... A TERRIFIC PAVEMENT-EYE VIEW OF THE BATMOBILE IN PURSUIT!

THEN IT WAS YOU IN THAT MANHOLE, SNAPPING THE BATMOBILE FROM UNDERNEATH? VICKI, I-- WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT PICTURE!



SHORTLY, IN THE OFFICES OF VUE MAGAZINE.

DIDN'T THAT HIGH-SPEED CAMERA TAKE A BEAUTIFUL SHOT?

YES, EVERY DETAIL IS CLEAR!

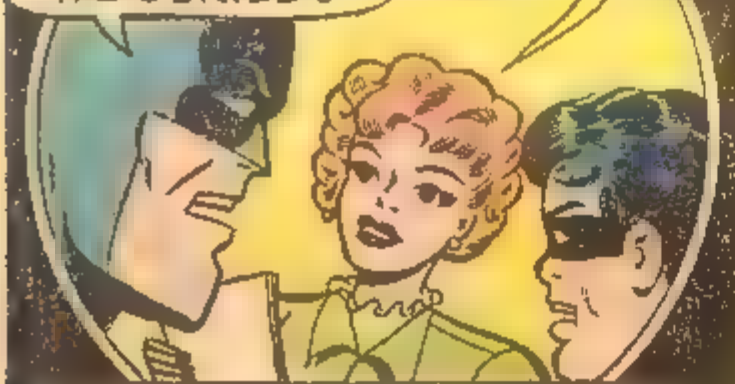
IF THIS PICTURE OF THE BATMOBILE IS PUBLISHED, IT COULD GIVE AWAY A SECRET NO ONE MUST KNOW!



AND BATMAN, TO PUT OFF PUBLICATION OF THAT PICTURE, TALKS FAST...

YOU ALWAYS PICTURE THE BATMOBILE AS ONLY A CAR FOR CHASING CROOKS! WHY NOT RUN THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE BATMOBILE'S UNUSUAL PAST FEATS-- AND PUBLISH THIS NEW PICTURE AT THE END OF THE SERIES?

I WILL--IF YOU'LL GIVE ME THE INFORMATION!



LATER, WHEN THE DUO, IN THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE RESUME THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES AS SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

WE'VE GOT TO FINISH THIS REPAIR JOB IF WE'RE EVER TO CATCH THE RACER!

YES, BUT FIRST I HAVE TO WRITE DOWN THE FACTS OF THE BATMOBILE STORY FOR VICKI! WE MUST PUT OFF PUBLICATION OF THAT PICTURE!



WHAT SECRET COULD THAT BATMOBILE PICTURE REVEAL? CAN YOU GUESS?



BATMAN



PRESENTLY, **VUE MAGAZINE** RECEIVES THE FIRST CHAPTER OF THE EPIC SAGA OF THE **BATMOBILE**..

WHY WAS **BATMAN** SO ANXIOUS TO GIVE US THIS STORY? IT'S A BIT SUSPICIOUS!

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? IT'S A GREAT FEATURE! LISTEN TO HIS ACCOUNT OF THE **BATMOBILE** IN THE BIG HURRICANE..



"WHEN THE FIRST WARNINGS OF THE GREAT HURRICANE CAME, **ROBIN** AND I REALIZED THE PERIL..."

...AND EVERYONE SHOULD TAKE COVER! IT'S NOT SAFE TO DRIVE... THESE WINDS WILL BLOW CARS OFF THE STREETS!

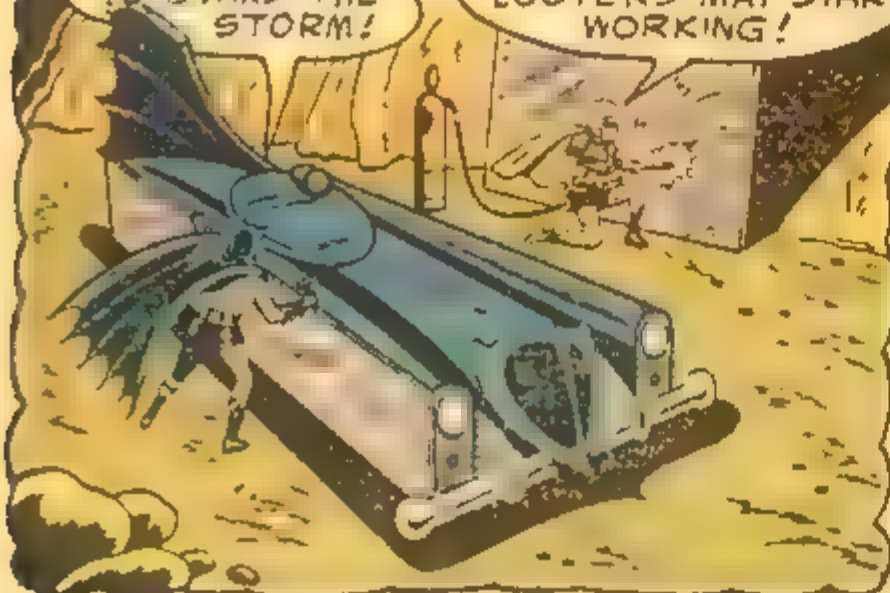
WE'VE GOT TO HELP IN THIS EMERGENCY, BUT IF WE CAN'T DRIVE THE **BATMOBILE** OUT, HOW CAN WE?

WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE THE CAR **HURRICANE-PROOF!**



THESE STEEL SHEETS WE INTENDED TO USE FOR ENLARGING THE LAB WILL MAKE THE **BATMOBILE** HEAVY AND STRONG ENOUGH TO STAND THE STORM!

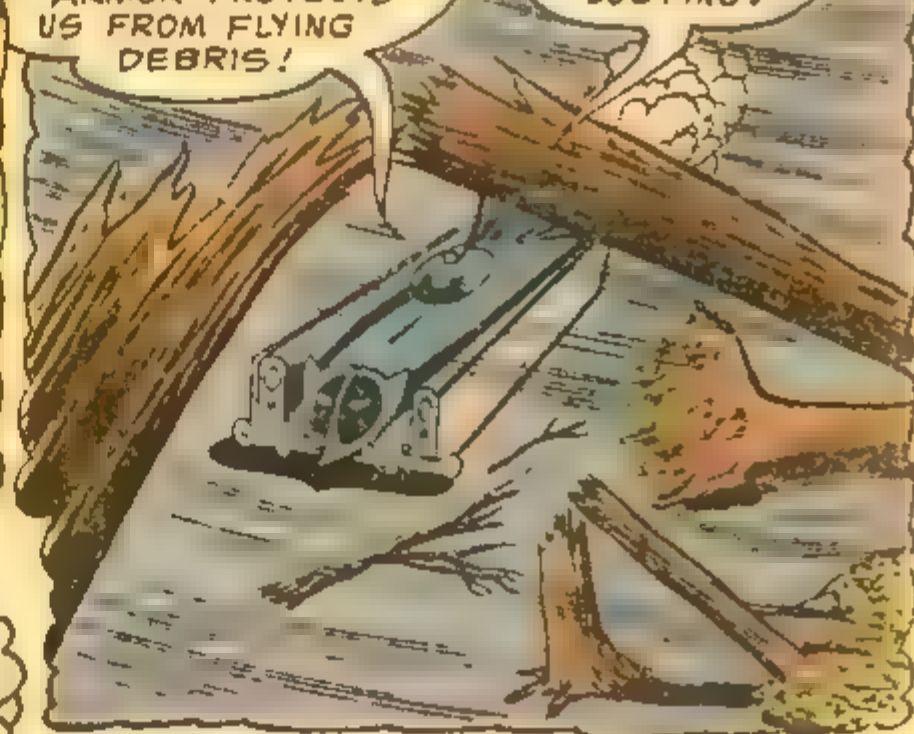
WE'VE GOT TO HURRY--THE GALE'S RISING TO PEAK STRENGTH.. AND WITH POLICE CARS IMMOBILIZED, LOOTERS MAY START WORKING!



"AND IT WAS IN AN ARMORED **BATMOBILE** THAT WE DROVE OUT INTO THE TERRIFIC STORM!"

THE WEIGHT HOLDS US DOWN AGAINST THE GALE--AND THE ARMOR PROTECTS US FROM FLYING DEBRIS!

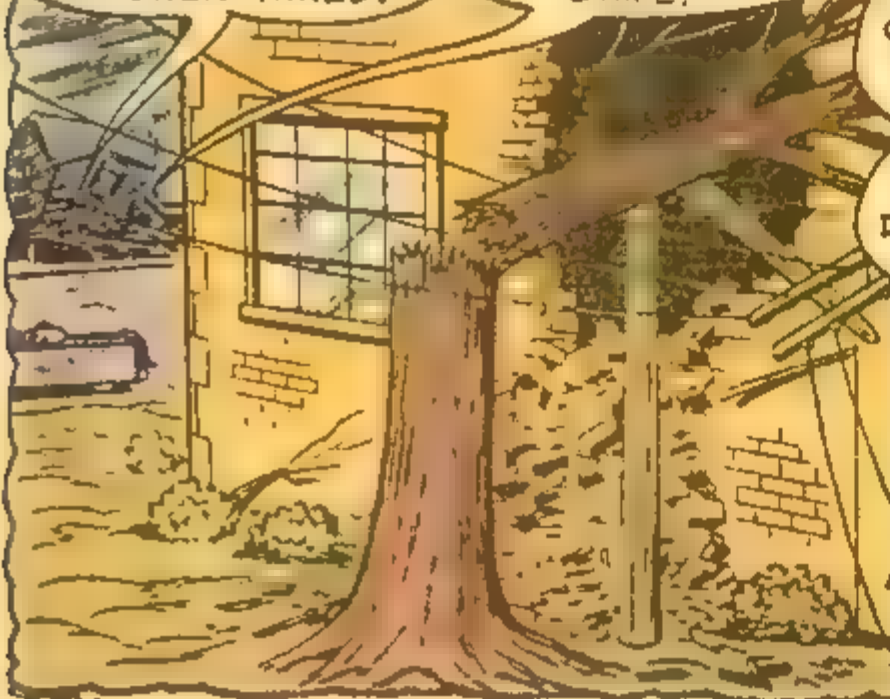
WE'LL PATROL THE WHOLE AREA, TO DISCOURAGE LOOTING!



"BUT FATE ASSIGNED OUR ARMORED **BATMOBILE** AN EVEN MORE URGENT TASK..."

BATMAN, LOOK! THAT BIG TREE CAVED IN THE CORNER OF THE HOSPITAL AND BROUGHT DOWN THE POWER-WIRES!

THE HOSPITAL HAS AN EMERGENCY STANDBY GENERATOR, BUT WE'D BETTER CHECK JUST THE SAME!



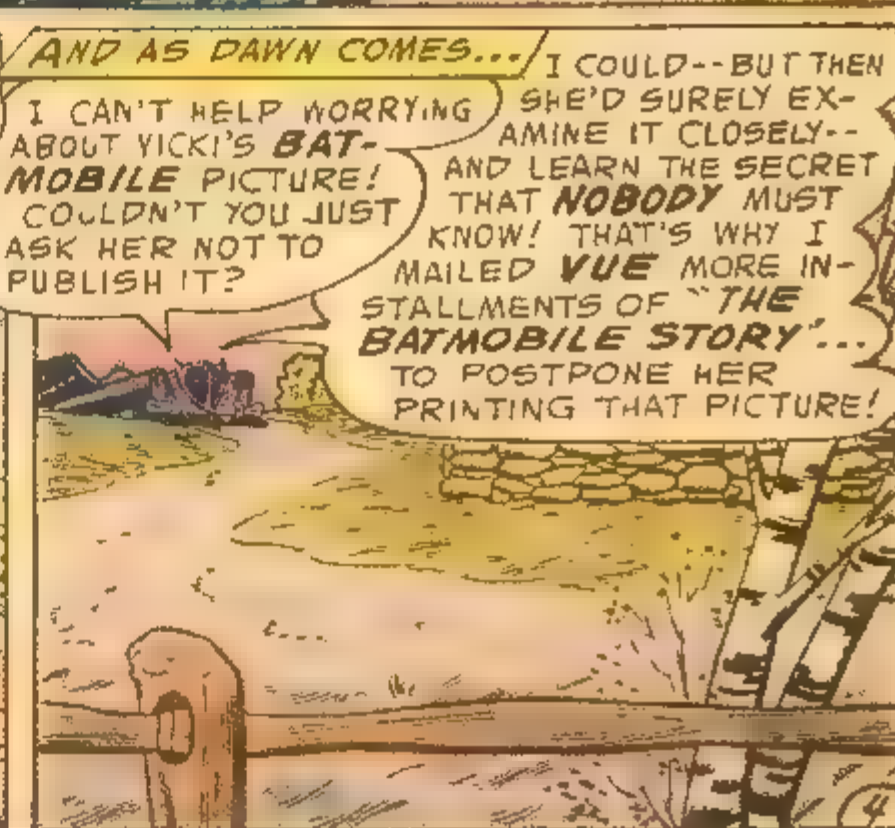
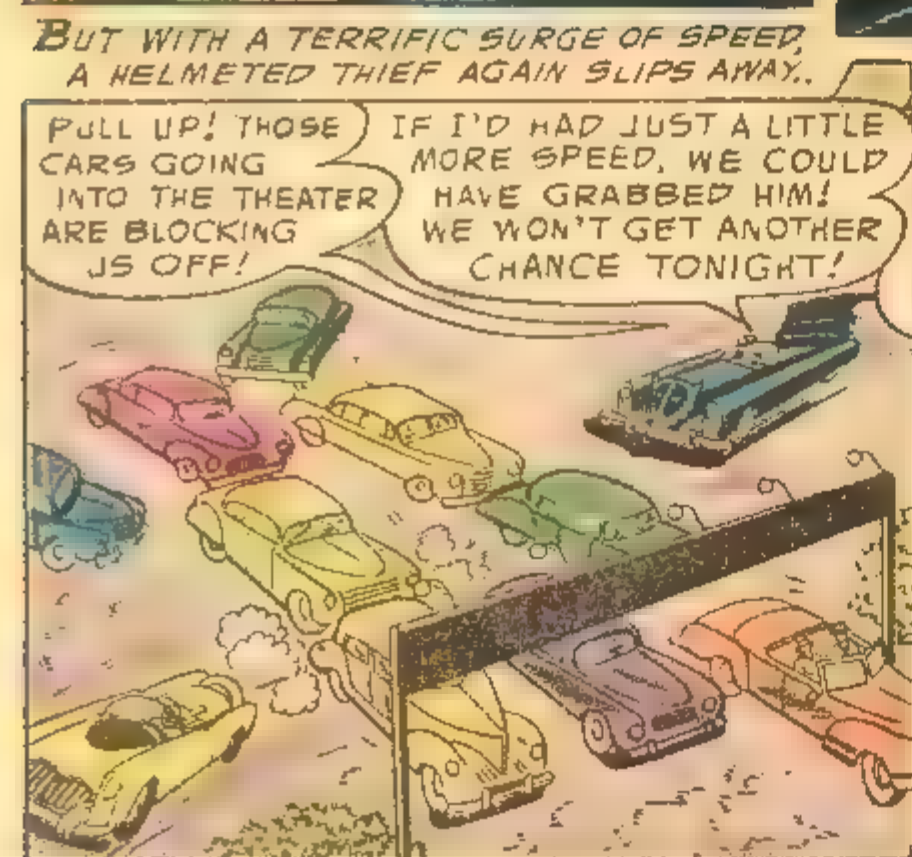
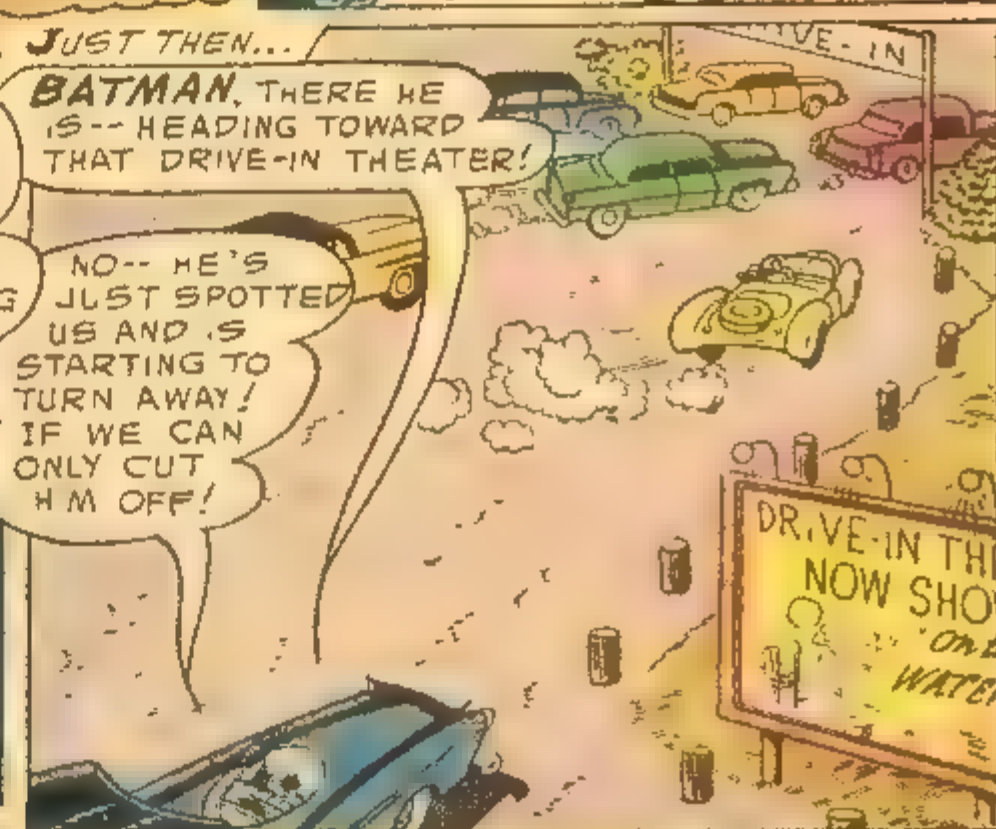
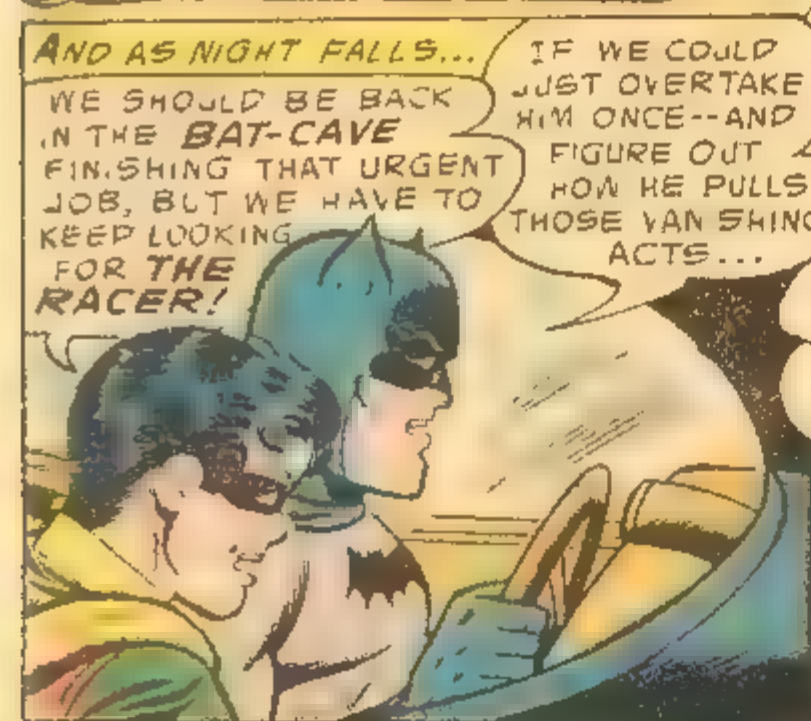
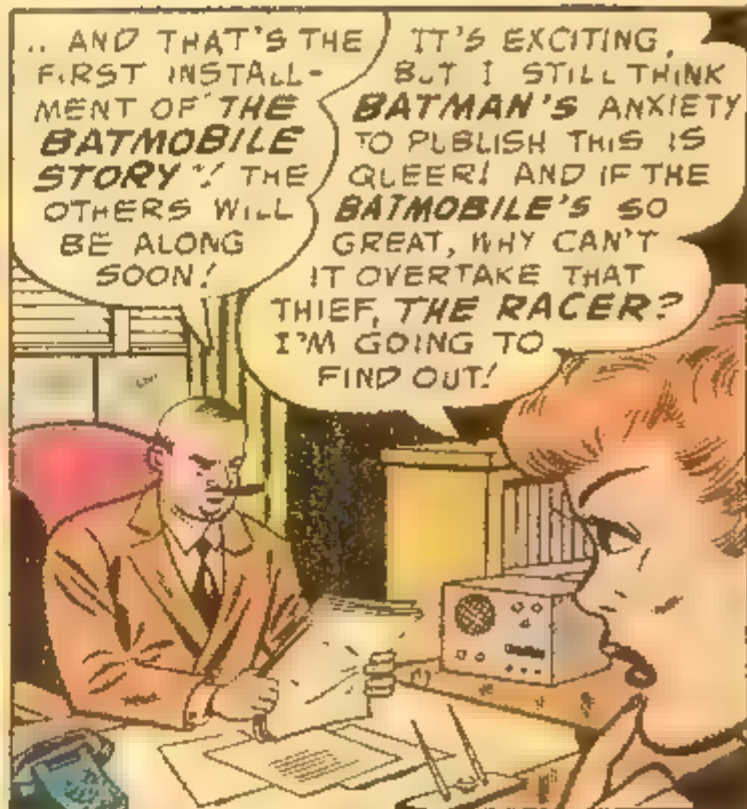
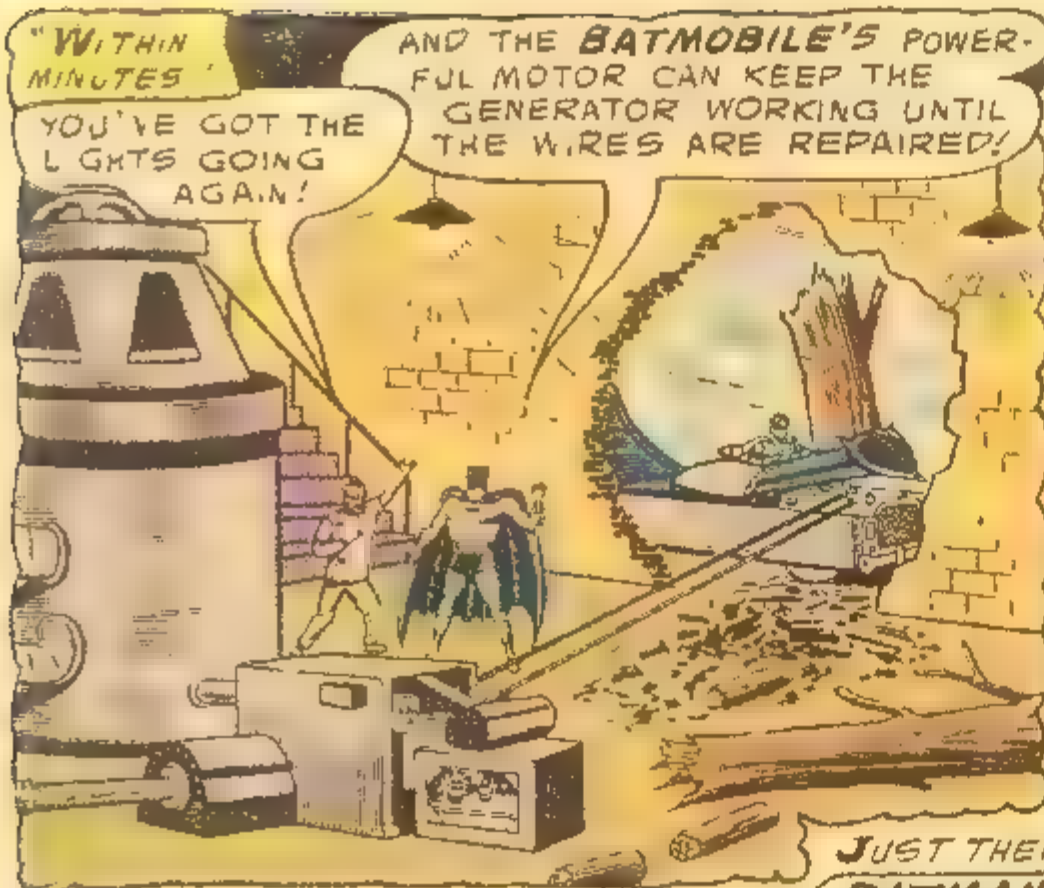
THE TREE THAT CAVED INTO THE BUILDING NOT ONLY BROKE OUR POWER-WIRES... IT SMASHED THE GASOLINE MOTOR THAT RUNS OUR EMERGENCY ELECTRIC-GENERATOR! AND LIVES DEPEND ON THE POWER!

THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE! **ROBIN**, CLEAR THAT BELT WHILE I RUN THE **BATMOBILE** CLOSE UP BESIDE THE BUILDING!





BATMAN





BATMAN



IN THE MEANTIME...
SO THE RACER
ESCAPED BATMAN
AGAIN! HMPH -- I'M
BEGINNING TO SUS-
PECT NOW JUST WHAT
BATMAN'S TRYING
TO HIDE!

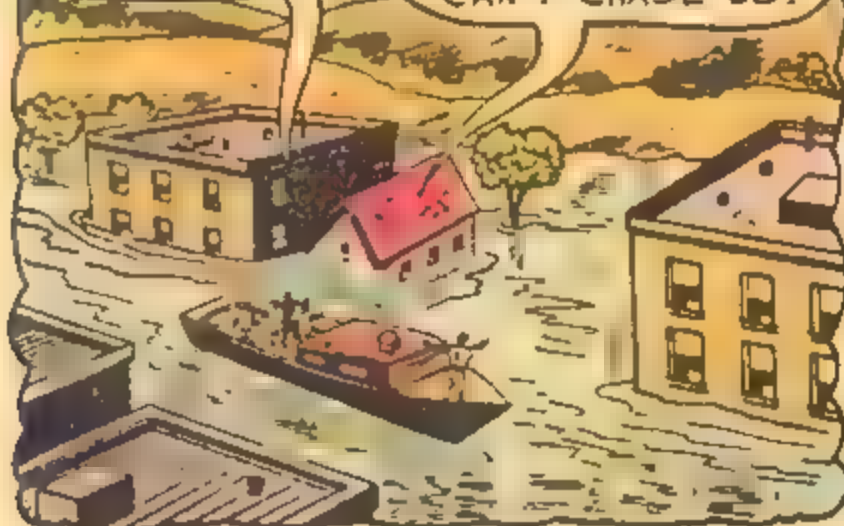
PSHAH! WHAT DOES ONE
FAILURE MEAN, WHEN
BATMAN HAS SUC-
CEEDED SO MANY
TIMES? HERE--LISTEN
TO THIS TERRIFIC
STORY HE TELLS OF
THE BATMOBILE...



"IT WAS WELL WE'D HAD SUCH EMERGENCY
EQUIPMENT READY--BECAUSE SHORTLY
AFTERWARD, IN THE STRICKEN AREA..."

WE CAN GET RICH
PICKINGS! PEOPLE
RAN AWAY FROM THE
FLOOD SO FAST,
THEY LEFT PLENTY
OF VALLABLES!

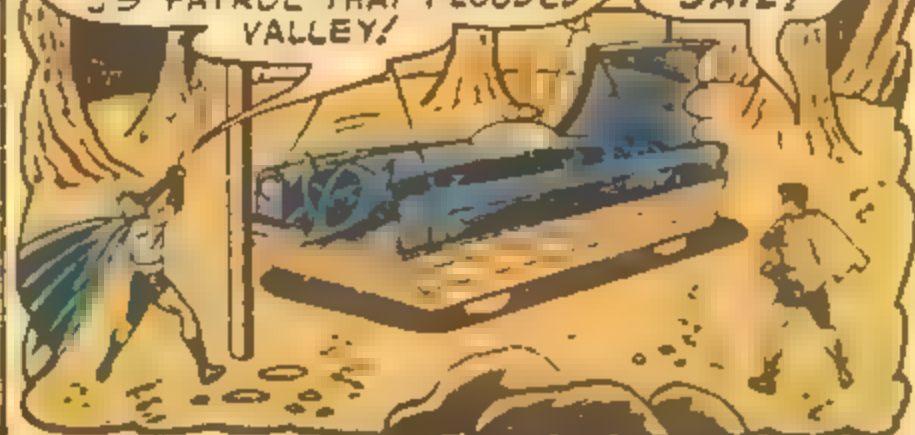
THERE'S THE
BATMOBILE
COMING DOWN
INTO THE VALLEY!
HA, HA... THIS IS
ONE TIME BATMAN
CAN'T CHASE US!



"WHEN THE NORTHTOWN DAM BROKE
AND FLOODED THE WHOLE TOWN AND
VALLEY, WE KNEW WE MIGHT BE
NEEDED THERE..."

THIS "DUCK" CHASSIS, WHICH
CAN MOVE ON LAND OR
WATER, OUGHT TO HELP
S PATROL THAT FLOODED
VALLEY!

WE'LL SOON
BE READY
TO ROLL--ER--
I MEAN,
SAIL!



BUT HE CAN--
RIGHT OVER
THE WATER!
HOW DOES
HE DO IT?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE'D
BETTER GET OUT OF
HERE FAST! HEAD
UPRIVER!

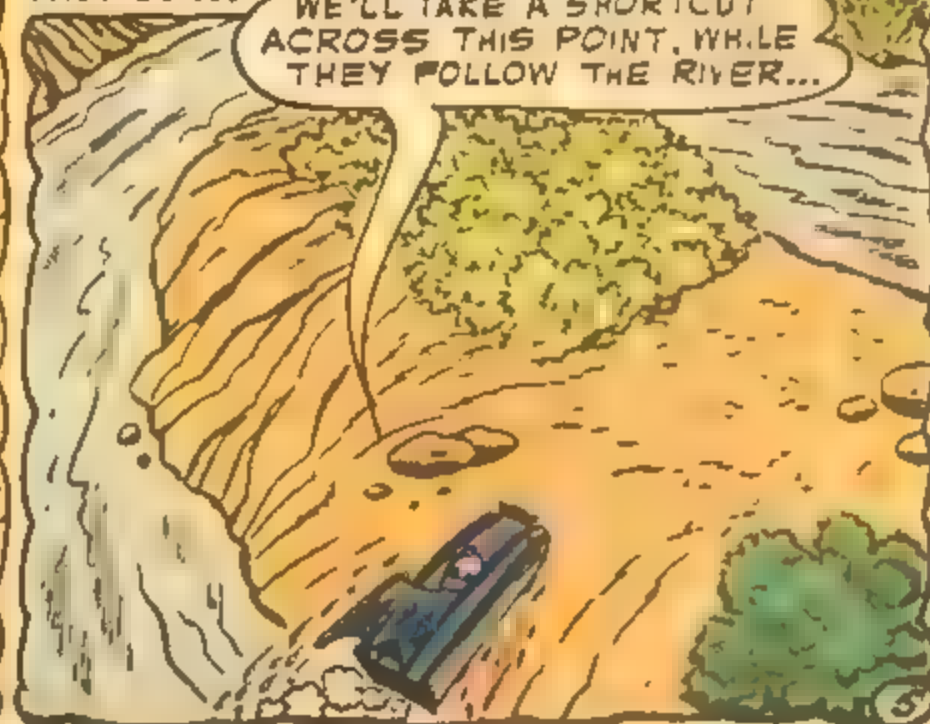


ON THE WATER, THIS SPEEDBOAT IS
FASTER THAN THEIR BATMOBILE, NO
MATTER HOW THEY'VE GOT IT FIXED!
WE'RE LEAVING THEM BEHIND!



"SENSING THEIR STRATEGY, I CHANGED OUR
TACTICS..."

WE'LL TAKE A SHORTCUT
ACROSS THIS POINT, WHILE
THEY FOLLOW THE RIVER...





BATMAN



"AND THANKS TO THE FACT THAT WE COULD RUN OVER THEM, LAND OR WATER, WE WERE SOON WAITING FOR THEM!"

THEY GOT HERE AHEAD OF US... BUT NOW THEY NEVER FARED AS ON THE RETURN!"

YOU'LL HAVE A NICE LONG TIME IN JAIL TO FIGURE IT OUT!



HMM... THIS OLD MYSTERY OF THE BATMOBILE... CONFIRMS HIS SUSPICIONS! NOW I KNOW WHAT BATMAN'S...

LISTEN TO THESE OTHER BATMOBILE FEATS HE'S WRITTEN ABOUT...



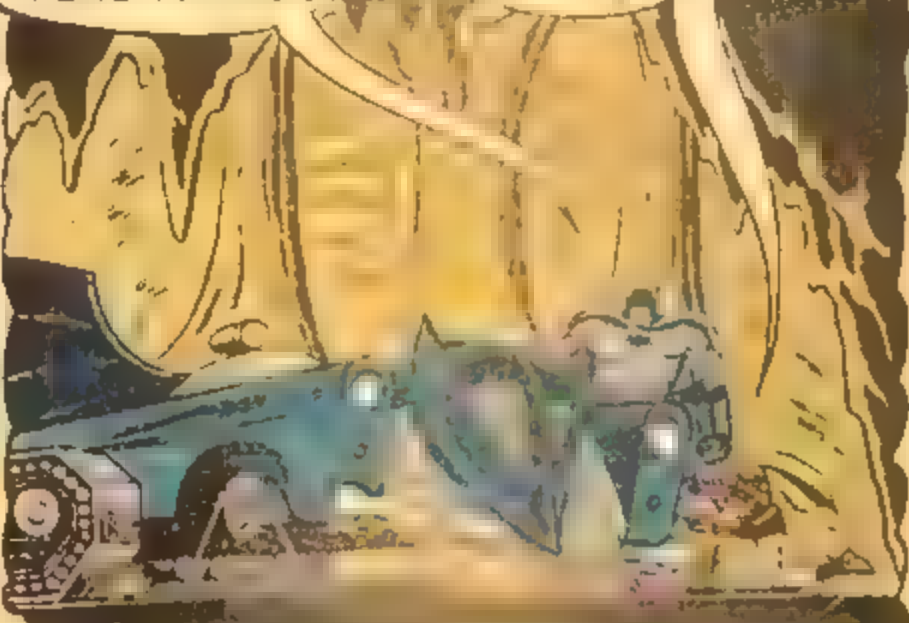
"THAT'S WHY HE ALWAYS KEEPS EMERGENCY SNOWMOBILES ON HAND..."

BLAIR'S EVIDENCE... HE'S GOT INTO CAN SAVE AN INNOCENT MAN, BUT NOTHING CAN IF WE GET HIM HERE IN TIME! THE BATMOBILE

"DEEP SNOW CAN IMMOBILIZE EVEN THE MOST POWERFUL CAR-- AND ONLY RECENTLY..."

THE FATHER LOCATED JOHN BLAIR, THE VICTIM'S WITNESS IN THE CRIME TRIAL! HE'S MISSING TODAY!

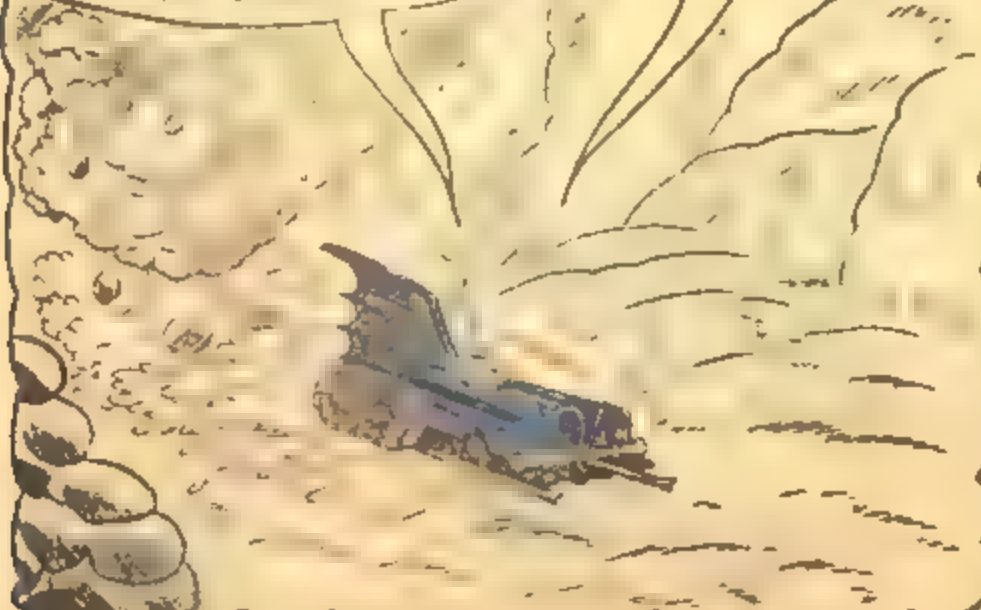
BUT THAT MOUNTAIN VILLAGE IS SNOWED IN-- AND IN THIS BLIZZARD, EVEN A HELICOPTER CAN'T FLY!



"ROBIN WAS RIGHT, AS A FEW HOURS LATER..."

THAT SNOWSTORM JUST MISSED US, BUT THERE'S THE VILLAGE, AT LAST!

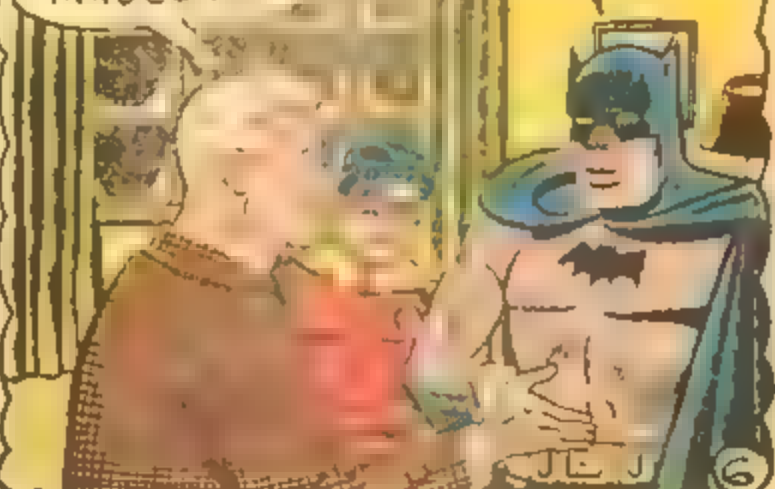
NOW TO FIND BLAIR!



"PRESENTLY, WE'RE IN THE LIVING ROOM..."

I WAS TRAVELING AND KNEW NOTHING OF THE TRIAL-- BUT I CAN TESTIFY THAT GRAY IS INNOCENT!

FINE-- WE'LL GET YOU DOWN TO GOTHAM CITY FAST!





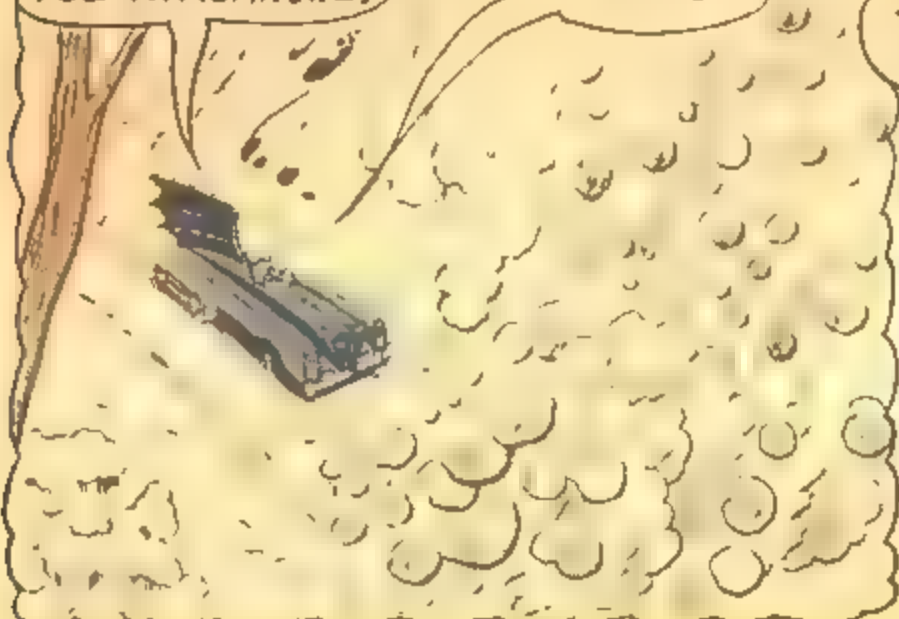
BATMAN



BUT NATURE INTERPOSED A BARRIER THAT SEEMED TOO MUCH FOR EVEN THE **BATMOBILE** TO PASS...

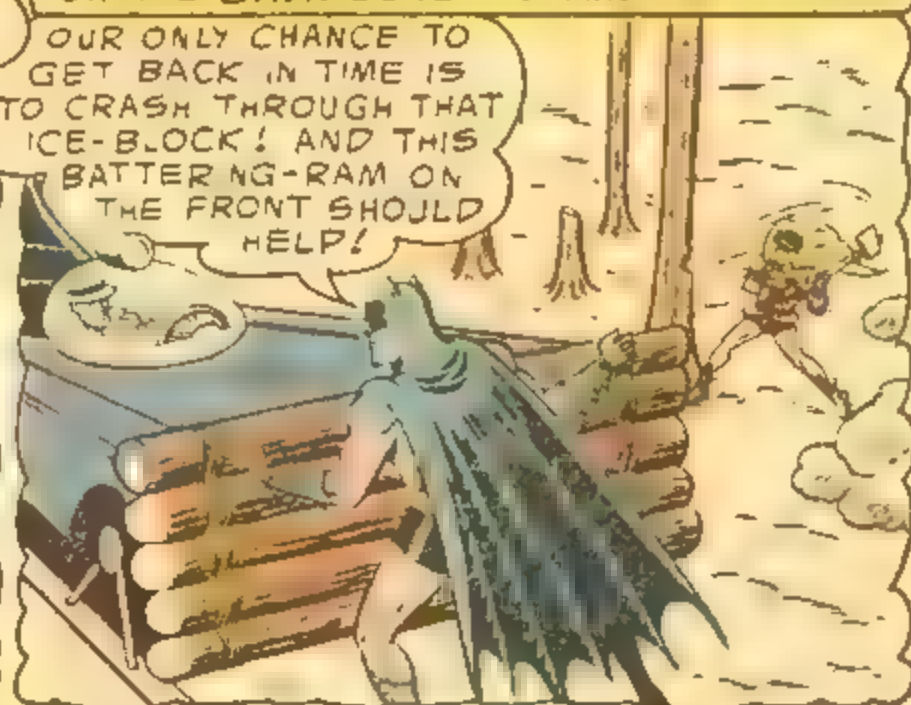
LOOK OUT--AN ICE AVALANCHE!

I BACKED JUST IN TIME, BUT IT'S BLOCKED THE ROAD!



"TRAPPED BY THE ICE-BARRIER, AND WITH TIME RUNNING OUT, WE PINNED OUR FAITH ON THE **BATMOBILE'S** MASSIVE STRENGTH."

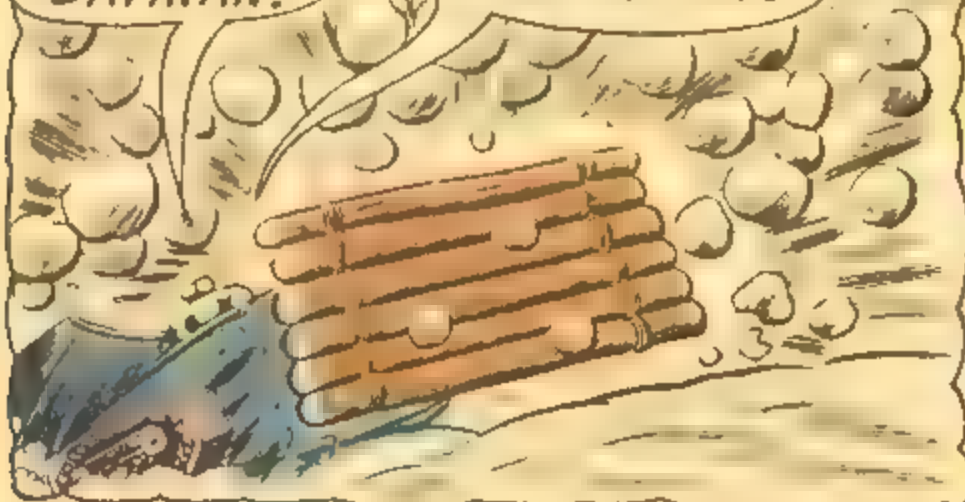
OUR ONLY CHANCE TO GET BACK IN TIME IS TO CRASH THROUGH THAT ICE-BLOCK! AND THIS BATTERING-RAM ON THE FRONT SHOULD HELP!



BUT AS WE HURLED OUR **JUGGERNAUT-BATMOBILE** AT THE BARRIER WITH FULL FORCE...

WE'RE THROUGH! BUT THE CRASH DAMAGED OUR MOTOR BADLY, **BATMAN!**

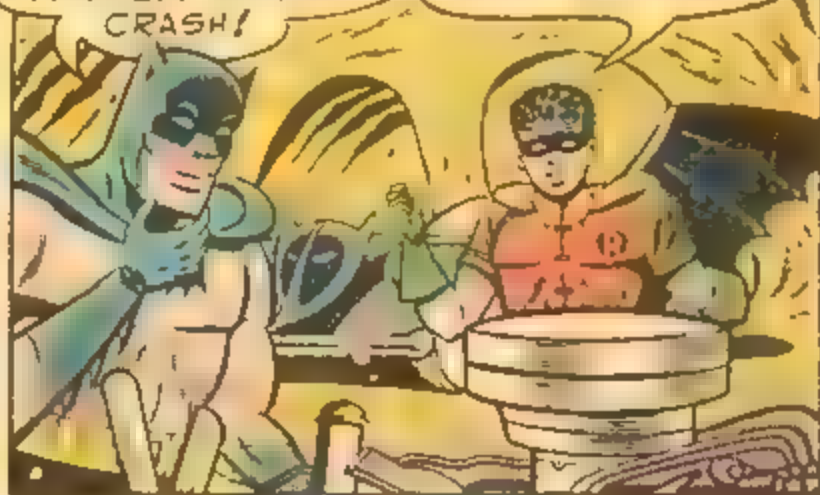
IT SHOULD KEEP GOING LONG ENOUGH TO GET TO GOTHAM CITY... THE RIDE'S DOWNGRADE ALL THE DAY! WE'LL GET BLAIR TO THAT TRIAL IN TIME!



"THUS ENDS THE LATEST INSTALLMENT-- WHILE BACK IN THE **BAT-CAVE**..."

WE GOT BLAIR TO THE TRIAL ALL RIGHT, BUT WHAT MY STORY DIDN'T TELL WAS HOW THE **BATMOBILE'S** MOTOR WAS TERRIBLY DAMAGED IN THAT CRASH!

AND WE'VE BEEN LABORING EVER SINCE TO REPAIR IT! BUT NOW THE JOB'S FINISHED AND WE CAN PUT THE BODY BACK ON!

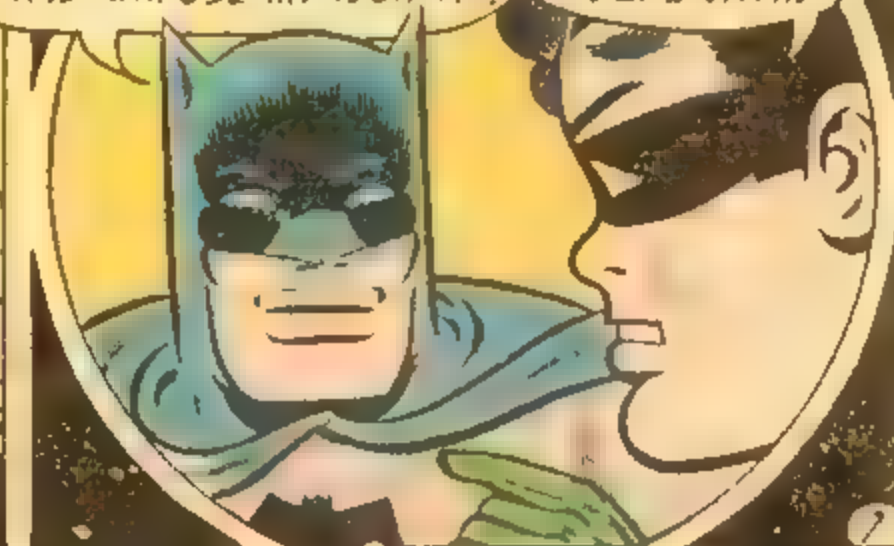
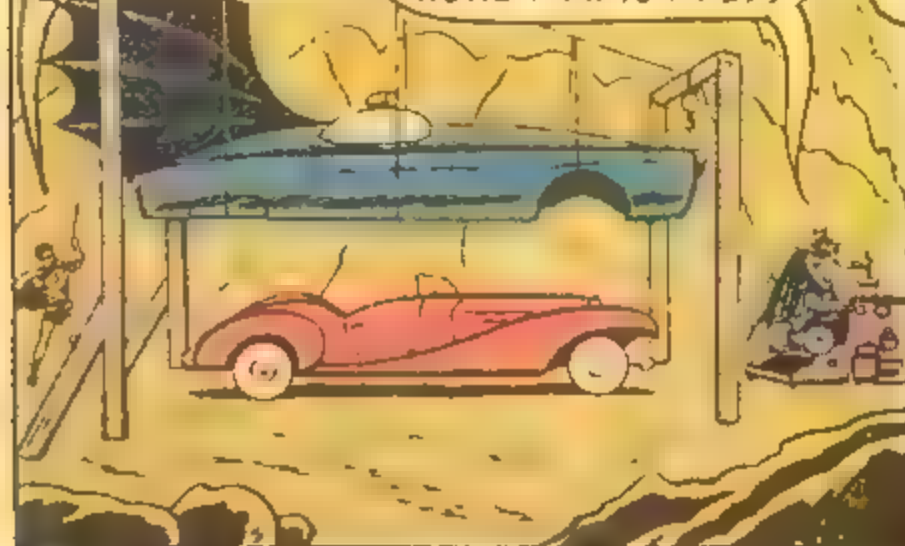


BRUCE WAYNE'S SPORT-CAR, WITH THE **BATMOBILE'S** BODY OVER IT, MADE A FAIR IMITATION-- BUT WITHOUT THE **SPEED** OF THE REAL THING!

IT WAS THE ONLY THING WE COULD DO, SINCE WE COULDN'T LET THE UNDERWORLD KNOW HOW WE WERE HANDICAPPED!

BUT VICKI'S PICTURE SHOWED THE **MOTOR-NUMBER** UNDERNEATH OUR PHONY BATMOBILE! THAT NUMBER COULD BE TRACED TO BRUCE WAYNE, AND EXPOSE MY IDENTITY!

WE'LL HAVE TO GET THAT PICTURE AWAY FROM HER SOMEHOW-- BUT FIRST THERE'S **THE RACER** TO DEAL WITH!



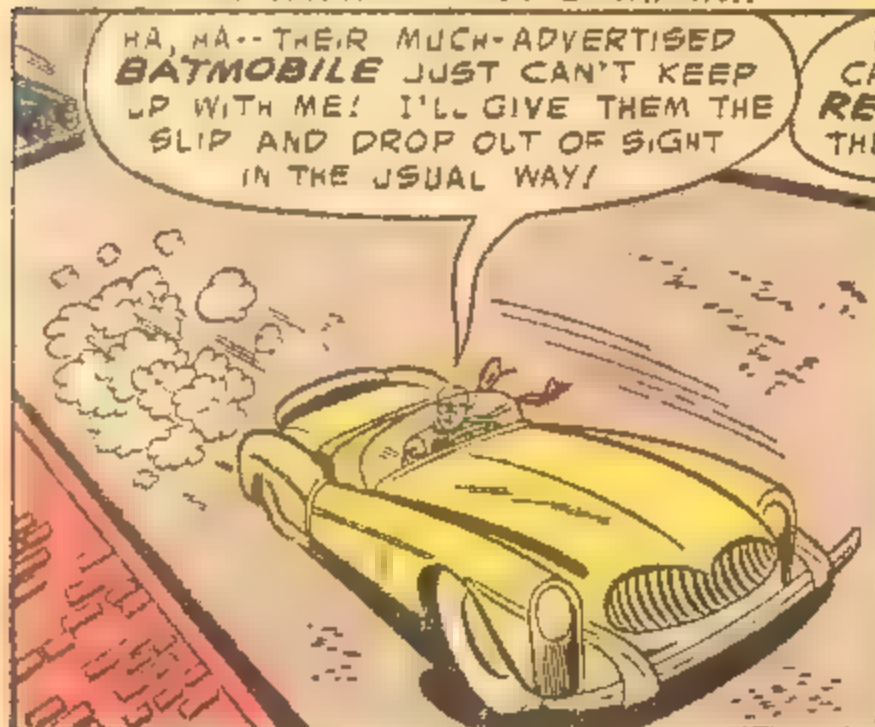


BATMAN



AND SOON, WHEN A CONFIDENT HIGH-SPEED
THIEF TRIES ANOTHER FAST GETAWAY...

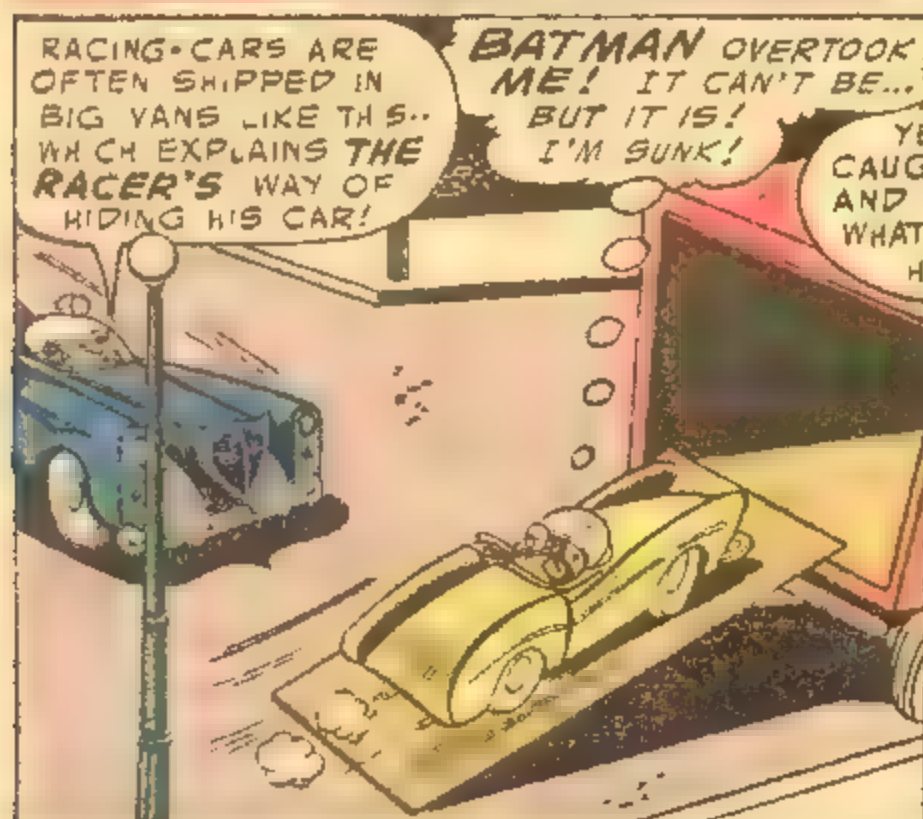
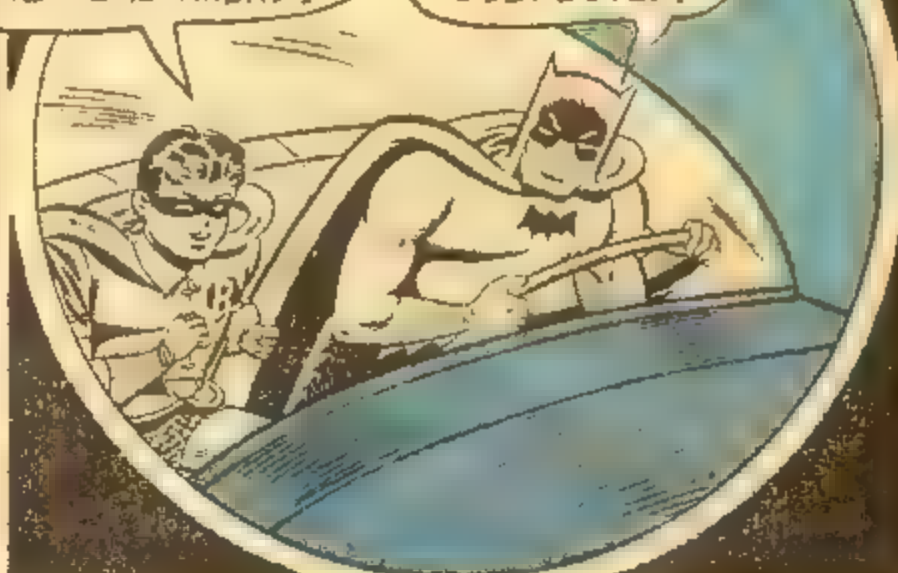
BUT THIS TIME, IT'S NO IMITATION VEHICLE IN
PURSUIT...



HA, HA-- THEIR MUCH-ADVERTISED
BATMOBILE JUST CAN'T KEEP
UP WITH ME! I'LL GIVE THEM THE
SLIP AND DROP OUT OF SIGHT
IN THE USUAL WAY!

NOT EVEN **THE RACER**
CAN GET AWAY FROM THE
REAL BATMOBILE!
THERE HE IS AHEAD!

AND HE'S
"VANISHING"
IN THE WAY I
SUSPECTED!



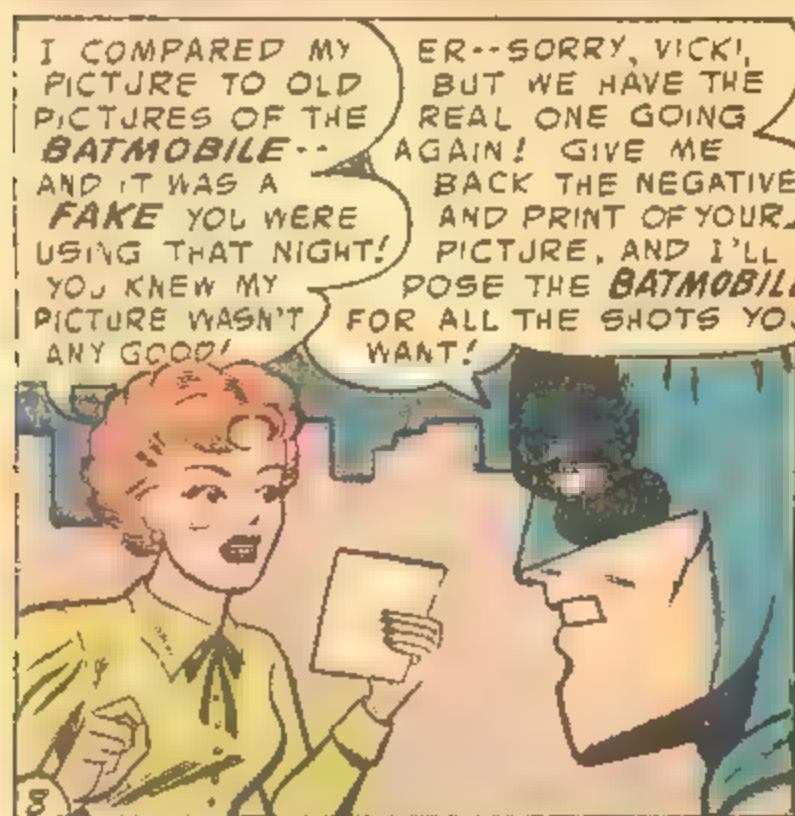
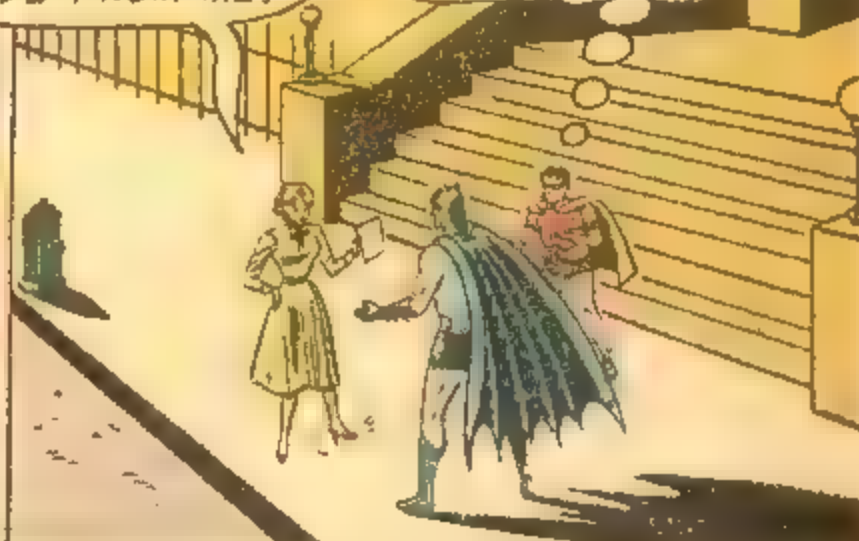
RACING-CARS ARE
OFTEN SHIPPED IN
BIG VANS LIKE THIS--
WHICH EXPLAINS **THE**
RACER'S WAY OF
HIDING HIS CAR!

BATMAN OVERTOOK
ME! IT CAN'T BE...
BUT IT IS!
I'M SUNK!

BUT **BATMAN'S** TROUBLES HAVEN'T ENDED
YET-- FOR AWHILE LATER...

YES, I KNOW YOU
CAUGHT **THE RACER**--
AND I ALSO KNOW NOW
WHAT YOU TRIED TO
HIDE FROM ME!

OH, OH-- SHE'S SPOTTED
THAT CLUE TO OUR
SECRET! WE'RE
IN TROUBLE!

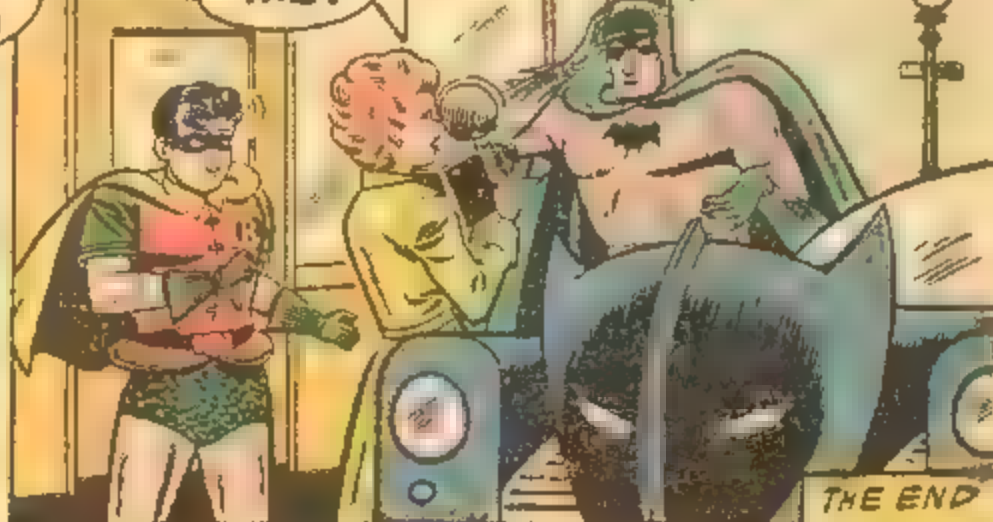


I COMPARED MY
PICTURE TO OLD
PICTURES OF THE
BATMOBILE--
AND IT WAS A
FAKE YOU WERE
USING THAT NIGHT!
YOU KNEW MY
PICTURE WASN'T
ANY GOOD!

ER--SORRY, VICKI,
BUT WE HAVE THE
REAL ONE GOING
AGAIN! GIVE ME
BACK THE NEGATIVE
AND PRINT OF YOUR
PICTURE, AND I'LL
POSE THE **BATMOBILE**
FOR ALL THE SHOTS YOU
WANT!

AND SO, THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
NOW THAT I'VE GIVEN YOU BACK
THAT WORTHLESS PICTURE OF
YOUR **IMITATION BATMOBILE**,
YOU CAN POSE THE REAL ONE
FOR ME ALL DAY! YOU'LL
LEARN YOU CAN'T FOOL
ME!

I GUESS
YOU'RE RIGHT--
YOU'RE JUST
TOO SHARP
FOR US, VICKI!



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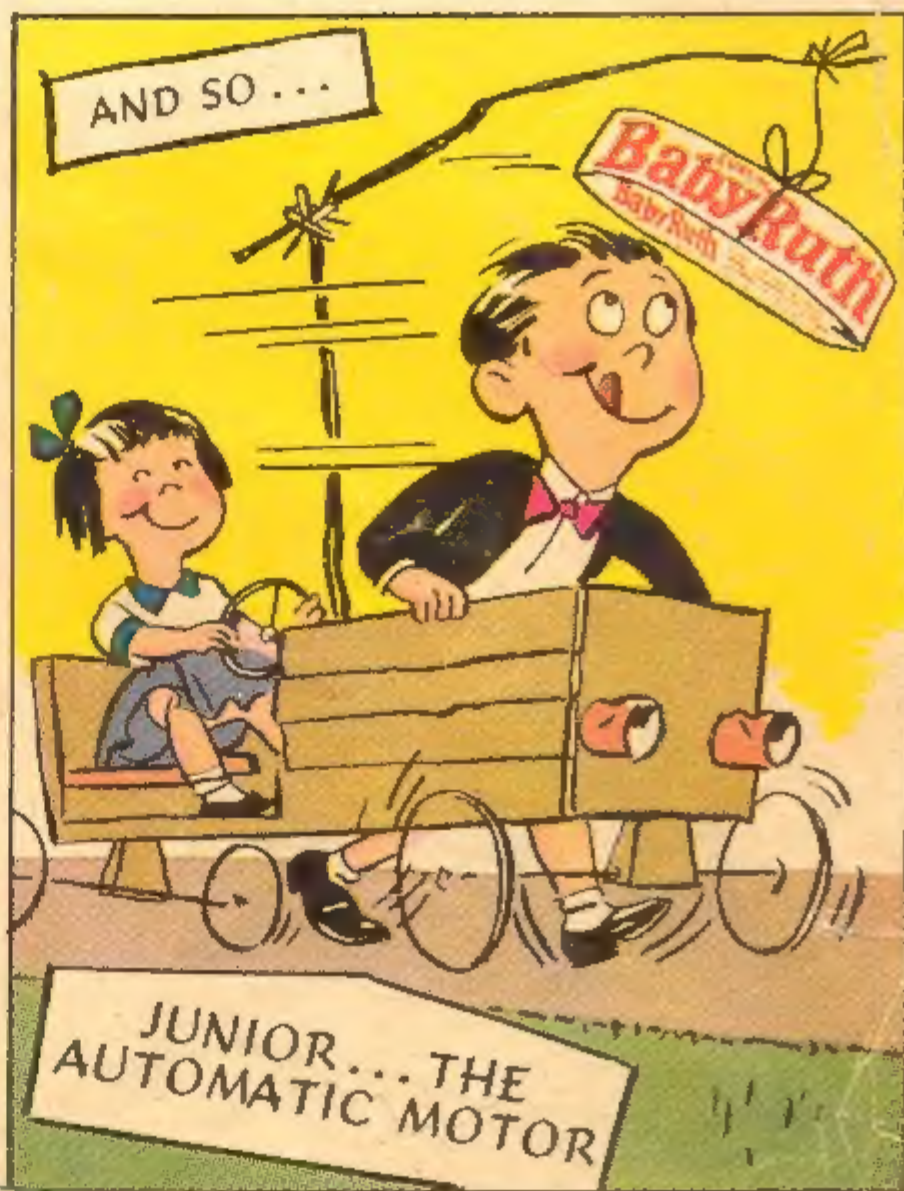
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